

COUNCIL MINUTES
(Subject to Change)

Special Meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Belle,
at **Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building,**
104 East Third Street, Belle Mo 65013 on
Tuesday, Nov 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER-**Mayor James Mitchell called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call-** Present were Mayor James Mitchell, Alderman Steve Vogt, Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, Alderwoman Barb Howarth. and Alderman Kevin Guffey. Also present were City Treasurer Charro Reasor, City Clerk Sherree Burkholder, and Public Works Supervisor, Jim Goben.
- C. Additions to and approval of agenda-** Mayor James Mitchell requested an addition to the agenda.
Under Old Business: The Newly Purchased Dump Truck.
Under New Business: Advertising for a Full-time Police Officer
Alderman Kevin Guffey motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor.
- D. Citizen Participation- None**
Citizens must sign up to speak before the meeting. Speakers limited to 3 minutes.
- E. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for Wastewater Treatment Planning Grant: Selection of Engineer. (Bartlett & West and Archer & Elgin)
Discussion between the council included the strengths and concerns of each firm. According to Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, the city has worked with Terris in the past and Terris completed the preliminary applications for several city grants.
Alderman Kevin Guffey expressed concerns with Bartlett & West over fees that had been charged to the city and stated that they are the most expensive firm in the state. He added that Archer works well with the city and in the past, found ways to keep costs down for the city. Guffey added that he would like to see that continue and made a recommendation to hire Archer & Elgin Engineering.
Motion to hire Archer and Elgin was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.
Alderman Steve Vogt- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

2. Information:

Mayor James Mitchell stated that the recently purchased dump truck had arrived. Mayor Mitchell and Alderman Steve Vogt picked it up on Monday November 18th. He continued by stating that it was a very nice truck, and they were extremely pleased. The truck comes with a spreader and has a stainless-steel bed just to mention a couple of the positive aspects of the purchase.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The purchase of concrete blocks

The maintenance crew was in the process of building retainers for the storage of rock. However, they need to purchase 15 additional concrete blocks to complete the project. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to purchase an additional 15 blocks and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.

2. Advertising for a Full-time Police Officer

Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to advertise for a full-time police officer and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor.

G. MOTION TO ENTER CLOSE SESSION:

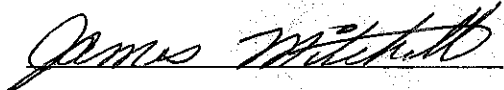
A motion to enter closed session was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded Alderwoman Barb Howarth with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye



James Mitchell, Mayor



Sherree Burkholder, City Clerk

The City of Belle Board of Aldermen may enter Closed Session before or during the meeting, if such action is approved by a majority of the Board of Aldermen present, with a quorum, to discuss litigation matters as authorized by 610.021 (1) RSMo, real estate matters as authorized by 610.021 (2), or personnel matters as authorized by 610.021 (3). RSMo Chapter 610.021 (13) Individually identifiable personal records, Performance rating or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

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H. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Reinstate the Street Commissioner starting on 11/25/24

A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

B. Written reprimand of Clay Ridenhour and Darin Guinn.

A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

C MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

D. OPEN SESSION:

A. Hiring of Cleaning Personal: Cindy Barbarick

A motion was made to hire Cindy Barbarick by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

E. Hiring of Police Officer: Dave Garrett

A motion to hire Dave Garrett as a full-time police officer after review of POST status, was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and seconded Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

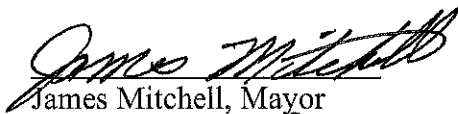
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

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Adjourned at 6:51 PM


James Mitchell, Mayor


Sherree Burkholder, City Clerk