

MINUTES

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

(Subject to Change)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Belle,
at the **Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building,**
104 East Third Street, Belle Mo 65013

- 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, and Alderman Kevin Guffey. Alderwoman Barb Howarth was absent due to having hip surgery. Also present were City Treasurer Charro Reasor, City Clerk Sherree Burkholder, and Public Works Supervisor, Jim Goben.
- C. Additions to and approval of the agenda-** Mayor James Mitchell requested addition be made to the agenda.
Under Old Business: Payment to Pierce Asphalt
Under New Business: The adoption of a Purchase Order system
Alderman Kevin Guffey motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
- D. Corrections to the minutes-** Alderman Steve Vogt noted a correction to the November 19th minutes. The minutes should include “the hiring of police officer, Dave Garrett was contingent on a positive POST review.”
- E. Citizen Participation- None**
The citizens to speak were:
- Delmar Branson who requested clarification concerning any sunshine law violations and the status of the city’s Chief of Police.
 - Michael Spangler of Barlette and West presented a large box of chocolate to the council in appreciation of the city’s business while also wishing everyone “happy holidays”.
 - Rebecca Witthaus asked for clarification concerning a sunshine request she had previously made. Consequently, the city attorney responded to her inquiry.
- F. TREASURER’S REPORT:**
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve the Cash Summary and Bills to be paid. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
Alderman Steve Vogt- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-absent

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pierce Asphalt: Mayor Mitchell and Alderman Kevin Guffey met with a representative from Pierce Asphalt Company to discuss the city's concerns with the asphalt that had been laid. Pierce Asphalt agreed to fix the problems, but they would need to do it in the Spring. After some discussion, the council voted to pay the remaining \$10,000.00 owed to Pierce Asphalt with the stipulation that an agreement to fix the problems would be addressed in the Spring of 2025 and that the agreement would be put into a written document before payment was made. It was agreed that an email from the company would be sufficient.

A motion to pay the remaining \$10,000.00 was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf pending a written agreement was generated prior to payment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-absent

H. NEW BUSINESS:

- Council Meeting dates were discussed for 2025 with the first meeting set for January 14, 2025. Most meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month with only a couple of exceptions.
- The implementation of a purchase order system was discussed and approved. It was deemed that a system to identify upcoming purchases would be a benefit to the bookkeeper and an asset to the city's budget. All the council in attendance agreed to implement a purchase order system.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

1. Mayor's Comments:

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Thanked Mark McClane for his dedication to the city.

2. Public Works- Jim Goben

Discussed recent water breaks

3. City Marshal- Jerry Coborn

Reported that 166 service calls were made and 20 plus citations were written.

4. Steve Vogt-Updates

Discussed the article in the Missouriian about the city of Belle.

5. City Attorney

J. MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION: (7:21pm)

A motion to enter closed session was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey with a roll call vote as follows.

Alderman Steve Vogt- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-absent

Discussion-Litigation matters with no action taken.

K. MOTION TO END CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN-

The motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf. A roll call was taken as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-absent

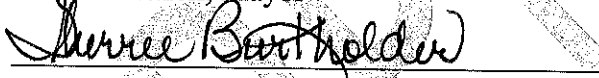
H. MOTION TO ADJORN –

The motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf. A roll call was taken as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-absent



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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