

MINUTES

March 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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. The meeting started at 6:33pm.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Present were Mayor James Mitchell, Alderman Steve Vogt, Alderwoman Barb Howarth, Alderman Kevin Guffey and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf. 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 additions be made to the agenda.
Proposed additions: The purchase of chemicals for the lake at the city park and discussion concerning the SIP Grant.
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the two named items. Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.
- D. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**
Gabby Scott attended on behalf of Jessica Vaughn and requested the city council wave the rental fee for using the Community Center for the Fair Queen Contest. She explained that “in the past, the fee was waved for the Fair Contest”. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to wave the fee and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor. The contest will be held on Sunday, June 1st.
Ashley Harris asked for approval to have the Belle Christmas Parade and the downtown events on December 13, 2025. Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve her request and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor.
Ken Stanfield asked the council to consider putting up a new flag at Tiger Field. The council advised him to contact the school with his concern since they lease the Tiger Field Facilities. Noted: The field is located on city property, but the city leases the field and facilities.
Rebecca Withouse asked questions concerning the Belle Municipal Court.
- E. TREASURER REPORT:**
Treasurer: Charro Reasor presented the bills to be paid and the cash summary.
Discussion: Renewal of the Workman’s Comp Contract to be paid quarterly.
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve bills to be paid. The motion was seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance #652** An Ordinance to revise 125.320 Installment Payment of Fine (Second and Final Reading) Alderman Steve Vogt made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 652, and Alderman Kevin Guffey seconded it with a roll call vote as follows.

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

- **Ordinance #653** An Ordinance to Repeal 125.260 Failure to Appear (Second and Final Reading) Alderman Kevin Guffey made the motion to approve Ordinance 653 and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded it with a roll call vote as follows.

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

Core and Main Contract: Tabled until later date

G. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance #654** An Ordinance to Revise 210.2120: Minors Prohibited from the Purchase or Possession of Tobacco Products, Alternative Nicotine Products or Vapor Products and Misrepresentation of age.
(First Reading) Alderman Steve Vogt made the motion to approve Ordinance #654, and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded it with all in favor.
(Second & Final Reading) Alderman Kevin Guffey made the motion to approve Ordinance #654, and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded it with a roll call vote to follow.

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

Discussion: concerning the chemicals needed to clean moss from the lake at the city park. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf mentioned contacting Paul Shanks "to see what his company would charge". After a brief discussion Alderman Kevin Guffey made the motion to approve \$900.00 for the purchase of chemicals to remove the moss on the lake pending review of bids. Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor.

H. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor's Comments: He announced that the next regular council meeting will be on Wed. April 9, 2025.

SIP Grant: Mayor James Mitchell reported that the city is "one step closer" to the one-million-dollar grant. He stated that the money awarded to the city, if awarded, must be spent by the end of June and that the city has already surpassed their portion of matching funds.

Public Works: Jim Goben provided an update on the park entrance, discussed the Leach Field and reported on current water repair being made.

Marshal Jerry Coborn: Discussed traffic control measures, a new work schedule for officers, and enforcing city ordinances that will include writing tickets for existing violations. The city ordinances discussed were the city's trash ordinance and laws regarding the removal of old cars & trucks within the city limits.

Steve Vogt: provided an update on MRPC

City Attorney: Nothing currently.

I. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM OPEN SESSION AND ENTER CLOSED SESSION (Legal, Personnel and Real Estate Council) 7:15 PM

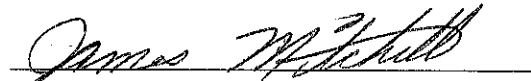
Jeanette Struempf made a motion to leave the open session and enter closed session. Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with a roll call vote to follow.

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye

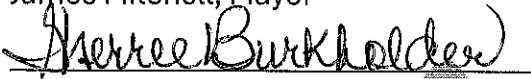
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye

Alderman Jeanette Struempf- Aye

Alderman Barb Howarth-Aye



James Mitchell, Mayor



Sherree Burkholder, City Clerk

The City of Belle Board of Aldermen may enter Closed Session before or during this 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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