

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 on
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor James Mitchell called the meeting to order, and the pledge of allegiance was recited. The meeting started at 6:31 pm.

B. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor James Mitchell, Alderman Steve Vogt, Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse, Alderman Seth Klein and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf. Also present were City Treasurer Charro Reason, City Clerk Sherree Burkholder, and Public Works Supervisor, Jim Goben.

C. MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION AND ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to adjourn open session and enter closed session with Alderman Steve Vogt seconding the motion. Alderman Seth Klein and Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse objected to leaving open session and going into closed session. Mayor James Mitchell broke the tie with his vote of yes. The council entered closed session after moving to the city hall building.

While in Closed Session:

Office Security Purchase: A motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf to purchase office equipment (610.021.19). Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion for the purchase with all council in favor.

The Sale of Real Estate: (610.021.2) A motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and Seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye
Alderman Seth Klein- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

D. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION 7:55 pm

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to adjourn closed session with Alderman Steve Vogt seconding the motion.

A Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye
Alderman Seth Klein- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

E. MOTION TO REOPEN REGULAR SESSION 8:00

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Alderman Seth Klein

A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye
Alderman Seth Klein- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

F. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor James Mitchell requested additions be made to the agenda.

Proposed additions:

Hiring of Police Officers (one full-time and one part-time position)

Office Access Policy

Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of the two named items. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes from Regular and Closed Session held on April 9, 2025

2. Minutes from Special Meeting held on April 22, 2025

3. Minutes from Special Meeting held on May 1, 2025

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to approve all minutes listed and seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

H. INVITED GUESTS:

Caleb Holman with Archer-Elgin was invited to discuss bids received for the OutKast Sewer/ Water extension. Archer-Elgin recommended the hiring of CMEC at the bid price of \$248,513.97. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to award the bid to CMEC seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

Caleb, then led a discussion on the purchasing of sewer materials and manholes from Mid-State Pipeline, explained that Jimmy had purchased the materials at price well below the current rate. Mid-State submitted an estimate of \$18,329.08. A motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

I. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Citizens must sign up to speak before the meeting. Speakers limited to 3 minutes.

1. Misty Thomas was present to share concerns on Alvarado Street at the road closure. Ms. Thomas mentioned to the council that it is very dark and wanted to know if the city could increase awareness in the area.

J. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Approval of Cash Summary and Bills to be Paid- A motion to accept cash summary and pay the bills was made Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

K. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chemical Bids for the park lake- Mayor Mitchell gave an update on the report that DNR issued last year recommending what chemicals to use in the lake at the park, Jimmy Zumwalt uknows a

company that uses a drone to spread the chemicals over the lake. The bid was for \$1950.00 which will be from Wesley Moore in the amount of \$1650.00 for the chemicals and from Agra Drone Applications for \$300.00 for the spreading of the chemicals.

Alderman Rebecca Withouse motioned to purchase the chemicals if done by the fair, seconded by Alderman Seth Klein, with all in favor.

L. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance #662 Code of Conduct** -1st and 2nd Reading – Tabled by Mayor Mitchell to allow time for reviewing the Ordinance.

Vote as follows: Alderman Rebecca Withouse- no

Alderman Seth Klein- no

Alderman Jeanette Struempf-yes

Alderman- Steve Vogt- yes

Mayor James Mitchell broke the tie by voting no. However, he added that he wants it to be tabled until next month to allow more time to review Ordinance #662.

2. **Advertising for Hiring of Summer Help** – Alderman Seth Klein made a motion to advertise, seconded by Alderman Rebecca Withouse with all in favor.

3. **Ordinance #663 to Update Water & Sewer Connection Rates**, A discussion was held explaining that the cost of the materials to the city is more than the current ordinance allows us to charge. This increase will allow the city to charge at the current rate of the cost of the materials. -A motion to accept the 1st reading was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor. The second reading was motioned to be accepted by Alderman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. The ordinance passed.

4. **Application For a TAP GRANT**- discussion was held about applying for the TAP Grant again, which is an 80/20 grant through MoDOT. A motion to move forward with the application was made by Alderman Seth Klein, seconded by Alderman Jeanette Struempf: with all in favor.

5. **Discussion: The purchase of candy for the Fair Parade**- Alderman Seth Klein motioned to allow up to \$300.00 for the purchase of candy for the parade, seconded by Alderman Jeanette Struempf: with all in favor.

6. **Discussion: City Marshal** – a motion was made to explore the marshals' pay and possibly put on the ballot was made by Alderman Rebecca Withouse, seconded by Alderman Jeanette Struempf: with all in favor.

7. **Award the Bid for Water/Sewer Install for Outcast**- done under invited guests

8. **Discussion: Materials Bid for Outcast**-done under invited guests

9. **Office Access Policy**: A motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and Seconded Alderman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor for developing and implementing the policy as discussed.

10. **Hiring of Police Officers**- A motion was made to hire Kevin Green as a fulltime officer by Alderman Jeanette Struempf, seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. A motion was made by Alderman Jeanette Struempf to hire Landon Crusier as a parttime officer, seconded by Alderman Rebecca Withouse with all in favor.

M. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting -June 10, 2025

2. City Operation Updates

3. Fair Dates-June 4th through June 7th (Reminder to Marshall Coborn to coordinate parade route with fair board)
4. Read a resignation letter from Officer Christopher Taylor-effective May 1st, 2025.
5. Read an Administrative Order from Judge William Hickle that reinstated the Belle Municipal Court.

Public Works-Jim Goben:

1. Public Works updates

City Marshal- Jerry Coborn:

1. Police Dept updates

Alderman- Steve Vogt:

1. MRPC Updates
2. May 31st Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Rock Island Trail at 1p.m. at Mid-State Pipeline

O. Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

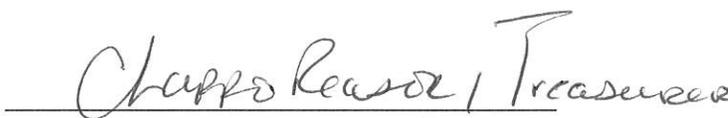
Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye
 Alderman Seth Klein- aye
 Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
 Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

The City of Belle Board of Aldermen may enter Closed Session before or during this meeting, if such action is approved by a majority vote 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.

ADA: Visitors with special needs (such as audio or other physical accommodation) must notify the city as soon as possible, preferably 48 hours in advance. The city will make reasonable accommodation for all disabilities to the extent possible.


 Mayor James Mitchell

8/12/2025
 Date


 City Clerk Sherree Burkholder *—left employment* Date 8/12/2025
 Date 7/18/25