

**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, July 8, 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 6:32 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. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor James Mitchell didn't report any additions be made to the agenda. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Seth Klein seconded the motion with all in favor.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes from Regular and Closed Session held on May 13, 2025
2. Minutes from Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2025
3. Minutes from Special Meeting held on June 30, 2025

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

**E. INVITED GUESTS:**

**F. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

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

1. Tracey Creswell: She stated that she had provided the council with several city violations, and nothing had been done about any of them. Also, she wanted to know why nothing had been done and when those complaints would be addressed.
2. Corina Jacquim: She requested that the city consider adding a "grandfather clause" to Ordinance #651 concerning multi-connection units.
3. June Thompson: She wanted to inquire and clarify information concerning a property line dispute. The council also discussed and identified a safety concern with the current fence around her inground pool. She stated that she would promptly "take care of the issue".

**G. 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 Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

2. **Code Update:** The codes were last updated through October 2021. This update would take it to May 2025 and be at a rate of \$2,428.00-\$2,785.00 if council approved. The new updated code will be displayed on the city website. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to move forward with getting the codes updated and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.
3. **2023 Audit:** City Treasurer requested council approval for K. Deluca to complete the 2023 audit at a total cost of \$8,500.00. Deluca has provided auditing services in the past with professionalism and efficiency, and City Treasurer recommends continuing with her services for the 2023 audit.  
Alderman- Steve Vogt made a motion to approve K. Deluca to complete the 2023 audit at a price of \$8,500.00. Alderman Seth Klein seconded the motion with all in favor.
4. **South Alvarado Bridge Update:** We successfully met the June 20<sup>th</sup> deadline with FEMA. Our next critical deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup> with SEMA, which we are currently preparing for. Once the SEMA submission is complete, we expect to be assigned a project manager to guide us through the next phase. Additionally, we have been advised to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA). HMA refers to FEMA's grant program that provides funding for projects aimed at reducing or eliminating the long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards.

#### H. OLD BUSINESS:

**Well Quotes:** B & H Well Drilling provided two quotes. \$5,354.14 included an electric Franklin soft start SMS motor starter. The second bid, received from the same company, was for \$3,724.88 did not include a soft start motor starter. The last bid was from Aesthetix for \$13,698.00. After discussing the possible options, Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded it with all in favor of the \$5,354.14 option from B & H Drilling.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance #662 Code of Conduct -1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse presented a revised option of Ordinance #662 for the council to consider. Mayor Mitchell tabled Ordinance #662 so that the council has more time to read and review both possibilities.
2. **Resolution #25. 2: First Reading** -Mayor Mitchell read resolution #25.2 which provided policy updates. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve, and Alderman Seth Klein seconded the motion with all in favor.  
**Second Reading** - Mayor Mitchell read resolution #25.2 providing policy updates. A motion to approve second reading of resolution #25.2 was made by Alderman Seth Klein and seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.
3. **Resolution #25.3: First Reading**- Mayor Mitchell read resolution #25.3 concerning "No Unauthorized Access or Recording per Policy" in the City office. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded it. All Council were in favor except for Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse who voted no.  
**Second Reading** - Mayor Mitchell read resolution #25.3. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded it. Once again, all council was in favor except for Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse who voted no.

4. **Approval of proposed budget**-After discussing the proposed budget which included putting a tax on the April ballot to benefit the police department, Alderman Seth Klein made a motion to approve the budget. Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.
5. **Planning and Zoning:** Mayor Mitchell stated that members are needed for the Planning and Zoning Committee. Currently there are only 3 members. He encouraged others to sign up for the committee.
6. **Scheduled Public Hearing for proposed annexation:** Mayor Mitchell read the proposed annexation request. A request for annexation must go to Planning and Zoning first and then to the City Council. A Planning and Zoning hearing will be held at 6:00pm on August 12, 2025 which will be prior to the scheduled council meeting. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to advertise the Annexation and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.
7. **Members Needed for Park Board:** Mayor Mitchell stated the members are needed for the Park Board. He encouraged others to sign up for the committee. It does not require living within the city limits for membership.
8. **Friends of the Rock Island Trail (FORIT)** It is an agreement which proclaims support for the Rock Island Trail and allows donations to be made in that effort. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded it with all in favor.

#### **J. STAFF REPORTS:**

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced the next regular Council Meeting will be held on August 12, 2025 at 6:30 with Planning and Zoning hearing to be held at 6:00pm on the same evening.
2. Spraying the lake at the city park has helped to fight the algae; however, the council would like to get some fish to help rid the moss from the lake as well.
3. Mayor Mitchell said a "Big Thank You" goes to Rep. Bennie Cook for donating two flags to the city. They are greatly appreciated.
4. Read a resignation letter from Officer Rex Churchill. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the resignation of Officer Rex Churchill and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded it with all in favor.

Public Works-Jim Göben: Provided current updates

City Marshal- Jerry Coborn discussed departmental updates.

Alderman Steve Vogt-provided Rock Island Trail updates and MRPC updates

#### **K. MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION AND ENTER-CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and Seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf 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 Alderman may enter Closed Session before or during this meeting, if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board of Alderman 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 personnel records, Performance rating or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

A. MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 9:45 pm

A motion to return to Open session was made by Alderman Seth Klein with Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse 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

B. MOTION TO ADJOURN 9:50

A motion adjourn was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with Alderman Seth Klein seconding the motion.

A Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

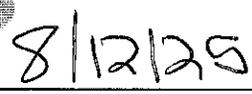
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

  
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