

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman
of the City of Belle,
at the Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building,
104 East Third Street, Belle Mò 65013 on
Wednesday, November 12, 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 6:30 p.m.

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 Clerk Cindy Barbarick, City Treasurer Charro Reasor, and Public Works Supervisor Jim Goben.

C. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No additions were added to the agenda.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the October 15, 2025, regular and closed minutes was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

E. INVITED GUESTS: NONE

F. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

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

1. Steve Bedwell-Mr. Bedwell discussed water quality along EE Highway.
2. Tracy Creswell-Ms. Creswell was present to address the need for patrol along Johnson Street. Stated that she felt the speed machine should be moved.

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 by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.

H. OLD BUSINESS: None

I. NEW BUSINESS: None

J. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting -December 9th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Bridge update on Alvarado Mayor stated received a new project manager with FEMA and awaiting a hazardous mitigation meeting to move forward.

3. Main replacement on Belle Avenue, Mayor talked about a leak and the crews addressing the problem the next day.
4. The Mayor introduced Michael Davis as a possible new hire for part-time deputy and had Mr. Davis introduce himself to the city. Mr. Davis currently works as full-time deputy for Maries County Sheriffs office and has filled in for the Vienna Police Department and looks forward to being able to work for the City of Belle.
5. The Mayor introduced James Henson as a full-time candidate for the Belle Police Department and asked Mr. Henson to introduce himself to the city, Mr. Henson has an extensive Military background and had also worked at Algoa Correctional Center as a corrections officer. He stated there is a possibility of relocating to the city if hired. The Mayor mentioned to the council he would be presenting these gentlemen to them in closed session as possible new hires.

Supervisor Jim Gobon:

1. Gave public works updates said back to mowing grass and the department had been busy all month.

Marshal Jerry Coborn: ABSENT

Alderman Steve Vogt:

1. Gave Meramec Reginal Planning Commission (MRPC) Updates.
2. Highway 63 restructure will be postponed until December commission meeting stating they are taking the concerns very serious.
3. Rural Missouri Magazine published an article on Route 66 about the neon lights.
4. MRPC dinner was well represented stating Wade Guffey, Rhonda Rodgers and Victoria Busch all received community awards.
5. Alderman Vogt is a DC trip sponsor they are hosting the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction November 22 starting at 5:30 mentioning a lot of interest in trip they will be taking two buses.
6. Also, stated good night to see Northern Lights.

City Attorney James Klahr: nothing to announce

K. Motion to adjourn and go into closed session meeting – was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse, 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 Struempfler-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.

L. Motion to open regular session was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor at 7:35 p.m.

M. Mayor Mitchell introduced Michael Davis and James Henson as the new part-time and full-time deputies for the City of Belle and welcomed both of them to the city.

N. A motion to adjourn regular session was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse seconded by Alderman Seth Klein. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfler-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt-aye

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Mayor James Mitchell

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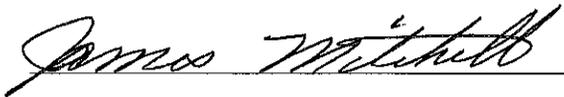


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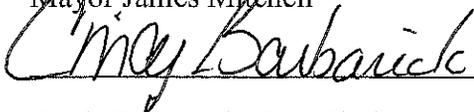
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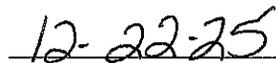
- A. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to Open Closed Session 7:03 p.m. seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye
Alderman Seth Klein- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye
- B. A motion was made to hire Michael Davis as a part time deputy for the Belle Police Department at a starting rate of \$20.00 per hour by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye
Alderman Seth Klein- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye
- C. A motion was made to hire James Henson as a full time deputy for the Belle Police Department at a starting rate of \$18.00 per hour and a 90 day probationary period by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf 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
- D. A motion to end closed session and return to open session was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse 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
Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



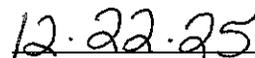
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