

**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
Wednesday, October 15, 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 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. Adjourn Open Session: Mayor Mitchell announced that the council would be entering closed session to address matters that needed attention with the city engineer Jeff Medows and our attorney James Klahr. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to go into closed session, 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

D. Motion to Open Regular Session: Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to open regular session with a second 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

E. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James Mitchell requested additions be made to the agenda.

Proposed additions: Add item #3 on New Business – Task Order #6 from Archer-Elgin.

Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the above item. Alderman Seth Klein seconded the motion with all in favor.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to accept the September 9th, 2025, minutes was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse, seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

G. INVITED GUESTS: NONE

H. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

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

1. Fred Bethmann- Mr. Bethmann, was present to express concerns on the drainage problems the new preschool building could create for his and neighboring properties. He asked the city to make sure the drainage problems were addressed prior to a building permit being issued.
2. Steve Bedwell-Mr. Bedwell was present to address the need for patrol along Johnson Street. Stated that he felt the speed machine should be moved.

I. 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 Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
2. **Approval of FY 2022 Audit –** FY2022 Audit was presented to the council last month. Charro highlighted that she had not received any questions for concern nor any request to contact the auditor. A motion to approve the audit was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.
3. **Health Insurance Renewal and Rebate-** The renewal for Anthem was presented to the council with a 6.92% increase. The annual health rebate was announced totaling \$10,669.74 which offset the increase by \$5,268.48. A motion to accept the renewal and return the rebate to Anthem to offset premium increase was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
4. **Request Money for Halloween Candy for Trunk or Treat-** Charro asked for \$400.00 for the purchase of cupcakes and candy with Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse making a motion to approve \$400.00 seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

J. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Shop Roof Replacement-** Discussion was held that we did not receive any bids. We will readvertise the roof and add it to the city page.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance #668 Law Enforcement to Clear Structures to be Demolished 1st and 2nd Reading** -It was explained that the city is moving forward on condemning properties and that our current ordinance didn't have a way to vacate the property. The first reading in its entirety was read by Mayor Mitchell. A motion to accept the first reading was made by Alderman Steve Vogt seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. The second reading was held by Title only with a motion to accept the second reading being made by Alderman Steve Vogt seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. A roll call vote was held as follows:

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye
Ordinance passes.

2. **MRPC Membership Renewal-** a motion to upgrade our membership to the prime membership was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.
3. **Task Order #6 with Archer-Elgin-** A task order to create a CMOM (Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance Plan Manual) and O&M (Operations and Maintenance) manual for the city's sewer plant. Jeff Medows, our city engineer contracted through Archer-Elgin, was present to address the board and explain the urgency of these reports. These are requirements for the city's wastewater permit through DNR and in attempt to move the city into compliance we need to have these done and submitted in the next 120 days. He explained these have not ever been updated and that MDNR is looking at the city in a good effort to show the city is trying to make advancements in becoming compliant. A motion to accept the task order was made by Alderman Steve Vogt seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

L. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting -November 12th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. which is also a Wednesday.
2. Announced Annual Trunk or Treat hosted by Owens Towing at the Community Center on Halloween from 4-8 pm.
3. Sewer Main Update- Mayor announced that over the past 2 days the public works department on unclogging a main on south Alvarado. The mayor asked the public to refrain from flushing baby wipes down the toilets as that they do not break down. The mayor thanked Jim, Darin and Mid-Mo Drain Jerry Weller for their hard work.

Supervisor Jim Goben:

1. Gave public works updates sewer main back up and updates on what the department had done over the last month.

Marshal Jerry Coborn: ABSENT

Alderman Steve Vogt:

1. Gave Meramec Reginal Planning Commission (MRPC) Updates
2. MRPC Annual Dinner is October 23rd in Salem. Our local volunteers being recognized are Wade Guffey and youth volunteer Victoria Bush.

3. BCBA is hosting the annual Father/Daughter dance this Saturday, October 18th.

City Attorney James Klahr: Nothing to Announce

M. Motion to adjourn and close the meeting – was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt 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.

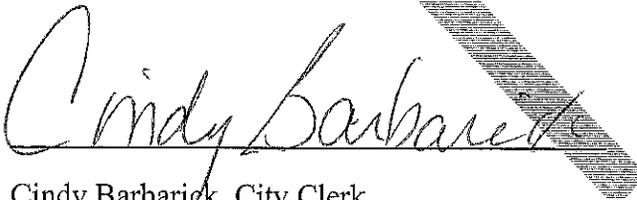
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Mayor James Mitchell



Date



Cindy Barbarick, City Clerk



Date