

**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, February 25, 2026, 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 6:35 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, City Marshal Jerry Coborn and City Attorney James Klahr.

C. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The mayor added the following to new business 5) Vehicle Repairs, 6) Break Room Remodel and 7) Cooler at Community Center. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made motion to approve additions and approval of agenda second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the January 13, 2026, regular minutes and closed minutes was made by Alderwoman Rebeca Withouse, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

E. INVITED GUESTS: None

F. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

1. Tracey Creswell – spoke on the nonsense she made up and reported to the newspaper without fact checking her information. She said she can admit when she is wrong and she is wrong. Additionally, she made an apology to Charro stating she knew she was rude to her.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

2. Approval of Cash Summary and Bills to be Paid- A motion to accept cash summary and pay the bills was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

G. OLD BUSINESS: Back Flow Prevention Ordinance #669-Ordinance was read by title only for the second reading with Alderman Steve Vogt approving the Ordinance second by Alderwoman Jeannette Struempf,

Roll call vote was taken as follows

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Shop Roof Quotes-The opened 3 quotes
 - a. White's Handyman Service - \$2500.00 requiring 50% up front and the rest at completion.
 - b. KRM Services - \$10,700.00
 - c. Trainor & Sons - \$9,937.09 Option 1 and \$13,063.60 Option 2 and \$11,443.07 Option3 requiring 50% down to start the project.

The council spoke in length and debated the price on Whites Handyman quote between \$2,500 and \$7,500 stating it was hard to read. The council tabled the decision by asking for the companies to be present at the next council meeting to address questions and concerns of the board.

2. Rock Island Tril Construction Bid Award-Archer presented Engineer's Review and Recommendation of bids for the board. A tabulation of all bids received, and the bid opening was presented. The city received 4 sealed bids.
 - a. Alexander Construction -\$282,155.42
 - b. Central Mo. Excavation contracting - \$179,931.18
 - c. KJU Inc. -\$249,966.00
 - d. TB Dozing and Excavation LLC. - \$363,155.00

Archer made a recommendation to choose Central Missouri Excavating and Contracting. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to accept the bid from Central Missouri Excavation Contracting, however, wants it dully noted that no amount above what is quoted will be paid without prior explanation and a vote of board. The motion was 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

3. Approval to Advertise for SIP jobs by the end of February. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made motion second by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.
4. Community Center Cleaning Contract Advertisement-Mayor Mitchell read resignation letter from Cindy Barbarick. Alderman Steve Vogt made motion to accept resignation letter second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
5. Vehicle Repairs-A quote for 2 vehicles was presented from Rodgers Auto Body, as a result from an accident a public works employee had during the snow event. Our city truck struck a pickup truck that was parked on the side of the street and was pushed into a car that was parked on the wrong side of the road. Damaging both vehicles front end. The bids presented for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, with an estimated repair cost of \$2,852.23 and for the 2005 Dodge Ram, with an estimated repair cost of \$4,660.53. The council discussed the 1999 Ford

first, asking Pudd to check with Adam to get the value of the vehicles. And then discussing whether to see if they would want to sell it outright. A motion was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse to allow the mayor to discuss different options of making it right with the citizen and obtaining the vehicle values from Adam Rodgers. The motion was second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

6. Break Room Remodel in City Hall-Mayor Mitchell stated he wanted to make the space bigger and more efficient. Alderman Steve Vogt made motion to get quotes second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf all in favor.
7. Cooler Community Center-Mayor Mitchell stated concerns about the refrigerator at the Center not being sufficient. Alderman Seth Klein is going to contact his representative to check on coolers. Tabled until next meeting.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting on March 10th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Announced he wanted quotes for barricades

Supervisor Jim Goben (not present)

1. Mayor Mitchell stated an Inventory List has been established and was discussed.

Marshal Jerry Coborn:

1. Gave department updates.
2. The mayor brought up the cleanliness of the patrol cars, and that they do not meet his expectations. He announced that he had removed one patrol vehicle from service after he seen the current condition of the vehicle. Jerry announced the condition was horrible, that a “felony amount” of meth and a syringe was recovered in the vehicle recently.
3. The mayor then brought up the fact that officers were not wearing uniforms and unidentifiable clothing. He wants uniforms ordered and worn.

Alderman Steve Vogt:

1. MRPC Updates- Stated that he had attended multiple meetings recently. He discussed Hwy 28/63 left turn lane was the number 1 priority but had not been funded yet. He has many more legislative updates and if anyone wants to know more to let him know. He said we have 25 hours left with MRPC, and its use them or lose them. Asked the council if they would want him to check on doing a demolition grant, it was the consensus to do so.

City Attorney James Klahr:

1. Suggested city apply for the Blue Shield Grant. Also, discussed MML Conference.

- J.** Motion to enter closed session – was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 7:48pm

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

Meeting entered closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Closed Session was discussion only- no votes taken.

K. Motion to adjourn closed session and return to open was made by Alderman Seth Klein seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor at 8:02 p.m.

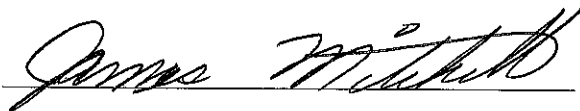
A roll call vote was taken as follows.

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

L. Motion to reopen regular session was made at 8:05 p.m. by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderwoman Jeannette Struempf with all in favor.

M. Motion to adjourn regular session was made at 8:06 p.m. by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf second 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



Mayor James Mitchell

3-23-2026

Date



Cindy Barbarick, City Clerk

3-23-2026

Date