

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman
of the City of Belle, Mo.
at the Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building,
104 East Third Street, Belle Mo 65013 on
Tuesday, June 9, 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 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor James Mitchell, Alderman Steve Vogt, Alderman Seth Klein, Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse.

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 – Remove item number 2 from approval of minutes. A motion to remove the item and approve the agenda was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the May 12th, 2026, regular & closed session minutes was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, second 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. Delmar Branson- Mr. Branson, was present asking if water coming off Trades Drive on to his property had been addressed. Mayor Mitchell stated public works department has been very busy and haven't forgotten about the drainage problem.

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, second by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Skid Steer Quote Discussion- Mentioned that we had several companies bring in machines, and we are waiting for JCB and Bobcat to bring machines. The New Holland did not meet the satisfaction of the public works department, right now John Deere is the strong favorite. A motion to table to the next meeting was made by Alderman Seth Klein, second by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Quote for Well #1 Repair Update-Flynn Drilling and Company of Rolla provided proposal for Well #1 Pull & Inspect for \$2,250.00 which includes Mobe, Demobe, Labor to pull and inspect

submersible Pumping Equipment. Proposal good for 90 days, work can be performed within one week, notice to proceed and the city shall prepare the roof for pulling the pumping equipment. They came on June 8th to do the work and provided an estimate to repair the damage to Well #1. A new pump, a new motor, and all other necessary parts and labor were presented for \$31,137.00. A motion to hire Flynn Drilling and pay the proposal was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf suggested that the quote for inspection and repair be made separately. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse withdrew her motion. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to pay Flynn Drilling \$2,250.00 for the inspection and separately approve the repair of Well #1 in the amount of \$31,137.00 second by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse with all in favor.

2. Appointment of Planning and Zoning Board members-Mayor Pudd Mitchell stated that after the last planning and zoning meeting some issues arose in the current board appointments and term lengths. The board requires a minimum of 7 and only allows one current alderperson to participate. He read names of individuals that had interest as serving on the board: Linda Weida, Mike Dugan, Kevin Guffey, Ben Simpson, Randy Frey, Barb Howarth, Jeanette Struempf, Steven Bedwell and Bev Abel. Mayor Mitchell stated seven members would be appointed and made a nomination for the 7 members he thought would best serve the board. A discussion was held on how long the terms were and who would hold each term. It was suggested that the appointed members would discuss this and report back to the board. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made motion to appoint everyone that signed up to the board second by Alderman Seth Klein. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and Alderman Steve Vogt abstained. Motion carries with a 2 ayes-0 nays-2 abstentions vote.

3. MoDOT-Municipal Agreement DE11-which allows MoDot to improve city curb ramp/sidewalk down rte. 89 bringing it to ADA compliance at their cost. A discussion was held that not enough information was provided, and clarity on what sections and if additional areas could be added. Motion made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse to table the agreement until Alderman Seth Klein could gain clarity on the project and ask to have the MoDOT representative present this at a future meeting. Second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

4. Discussion of Playground Equipment for Park. The mayor reported Alderman Seth Klein found playground equipment and sent it to him. The mayor talked with the gentleman and its believed to be \$100,000 or more worth of equipment and they were originally asking \$18,000 and the mayor offered them \$16,500 he accepted and agreed to hold until after tonight's meeting giving us a chance to vote. There is a possibility BCBA may help with the purchase, they are asking for a more detailed design before committing. Alderman Seth Klein asked if they would help with bedding the new equipment, Alderman Steve Vogt stated he would ask. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to purchase with Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse seconding with all in favor.

Treasurer Charro Reasor asked where's the money coming from? Stating her rough calculations which did not include tonight's bills, the park had about \$8,000 in it's budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. Charro suggested taking the money from money market and reimbursing

money market if BCBA contributes. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to transfer the funds from Money Market second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

H. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting on July 14th, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Updates for Construction Sites-main street all pipe has been laid, casing under highway at Highway EE, manhole lining lots of improvements being made at this time.

Supervisor Jim Goben

1. Summer help has been hired and just doing business as usual.

Marshal Jerry Coborn:

1. Gave updates (attached)
2. Discussed Pit Bulls with the Mayor and that he will address the issues.

Alderman Steve Vogt:

1. Has meeting on Thursday, June 11 will know more afterwards
2. Vogt nominated a Youth and Adult Volunteer for the MRPC dinner in October

City Attorney James Klahr: Business for closed.

- I. Motion to enter closed session** – was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, second by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 7:35 p.m.

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

- J. A motion to re-open regular session-** was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf second by Seth Klein with all in favor at 8:04 pm.

- K. A motion to hire was made in closed session as follows.**

A motion was made to hire Christopher Taylor as a full-time police officer for the city of Belle. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf second by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse with all in favor. A roll call taken as follows:

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

J. Motion to Adjourn -the motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, second by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor. A roll call was taken as follows: 8:06 pm

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye

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