

**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, May 12th, 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: The mayor had 1 addition for new business item #8-Utility/Construction Easement for School. Motion to accept the agenda with addition was made by Alderman Steve Vogt seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the April 14th, 2026, special, regular & closed session minutes was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor. A motion to accept the April 21st, 2026, special meeting minutes was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf 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. Tracey Creswell addressed the board and expressed her concerns about how comments made at a previous meeting were recorded in the minutes. Mr. Klahr addressed the board and summarized the previous board discussion about the minutes and that the board had chosen not to take any action to amend the previous minutes.

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 Seth Klein with all in favor.
2. Schedule Budget Meeting-Budget meeting will be held on June 9th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nelson Fence Discussion – Shannon Nelson presented the council with a bill for the fence between his property and city leech field. The amount totaled - \$1524.12. Discussion was held that the city should consider paying for the supplies to build the fence, since Shannon and his family did all the labor. A motion to pay the entire bill was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Skid Steer Quote Discussion- Quotes were read from the following companies.

- a. Fabick Cat from Fenton, Mo. provided a quote for \$53,000 offering a trade in allowance of \$20,000 for our current skid steer.
- b. Bobcat of Rolla, Mo. provided a quote for \$42,811.29 offering a trade in allowance of \$24,000 for our current skid steer.
- c. Heritage Tractor of Rolla, Mo. provided a quote for \$46,406.00 offering a trade in allowance of \$25,000 for our current skid steer.
- d. MORDT Tractor of Warrenton, Mo. provided a quote of \$50,200.00 offering a trade in allowance of \$24,000 for our current skid steer.

Discussion was had on equipment and warranties. A motion to purchase the bobcat was made by Alderman Steve Vogt. Alderman Seth Klein, asked questions about a 14-pin electrical switch, which was unknown if any of them included that. It was determined by the board to gather more information and ask for product demos. Alderman Steve Vogt withdrew his motion. Skid Steer purchase was tabled until further notice.

2. Purchase of Parade Candy or Trinkets- Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to spend \$500.00 on the purchase, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

3. Open Bids for Curbing and Sidewalks- Bids were opened from the following companies.

- a. Rite Concrete of California, Mo.- provided a curbing cost of \$35.00 /LF and a sidewalk cost of \$15.00 /sq ft.
- b. GPC Civil of Union, Mo.- provided a curbing cost of \$88.14 /LF and a sidewalk cost of \$87.92 /LF.
- c. Bill Krause Foundation- provided a curbing cost of \$28.50 /LF and a sidewalk cost of \$38.00/LF
- d. GLS Gethsemane- provided a curbing cost of \$28.00 /LF and a sidewalk cost of \$25.00 /LF

After discussion between the alderpersons, a motion was made to accept the bid from Bill Krause Foundation by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderman Seth Klein, with all in favor.

4. Lift Station Pump Repair- A discussion was held about our lift station pump at the park failing, we replaced the pump with an in-stock pump and sent the failing one to Vandevanter Engineering for diagnostics. We received a quote for repair for \$14,270.00 or direct replacement of \$13,590.00, there is also a \$500.00 charge for the breakdown and diagnostics of the old pump. Also presented was a quote from Core & Main for a direct replacement pump in the amount of \$ 7,703.00 and a \$350.00 shipping fee. A motion to order the pump and pay the diagnostics charge was made by Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse, second by Alderman Seth Klein, with all in favor.

5. Belle Ave Sewer Repair Quote- a discussion was held that we have a lot of I&I getting in on Belle Ave and this repair would be a replacement of 280 feet of sewer line and 4 service connections, a quote was presented from Core & Main for \$1851.10. A motion to proceed was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, second by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.

6. & 7. Letter of Support for Operation Zone 2.0 and Donation of MRPC Hours - Discussion was held describing that the county would be applying with Department of Economics to be accepted. It allows for partnership with investors who would want to invest capital gains into our community. The city and county discussed the opportunity and decided that the county should be the one to apply since most of

the zone was county. The city has been asked to send a letter of support and split the hours for the grant application with the county. A motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt for the letter and donation of hours second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

8. Utility and Construction Easements for Maries R-2 School- the school provided a copy of the easements to allow for the contractors currently working in the area, with new verbiage stating the city would maintain the property and ensure that the current condition is maintained or better. The city attorney reviewed the easements and suggested that the "or better" be removed that the city should not be required to make it better than the current condition. A motion to agree with the addition to the easement from the school and removing the wording "or better" was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, second by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.

J. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting on June 9th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Announce Belle Fair June 3rd- June 6th. The city has a volunteer shift Friday Night in the lunch stand from 4-8pm. If interested let Cindy know. We are also ordering shirts at our own expense, if you would like one, please let Jeanette know as soon as possible.
3. Seasonal Help- The mayor mentioned we had received 7 or 8 applications, that we had a requirement that the candidate must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. We only received one application from a school kid which is who the program is intended for. We had several that did not have a drivers license. With that said he made the recommendation to hire Kyler Allen and Diyap Womack for seasonal positions at \$15.00 per hour. A motion to hire was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
4. Danny Flynn with Flynn Water had met with the mayor earlier in the day. Presenting the mayor with the annual inspections of the wells. Well #1 shows a significant decrease from the prior year which shows concern of failing soon. 2025 inspection showed motor to ground was 98 compared to 1.5 currently and the output gpm was 155 and down to 115 gpm currently. Well #3 shows no alarms and is as good as when it was installed.

Supervisor Jim Goblen

1. Business as usual, grass mowing, staying busy getting ready for fair and swap meet.

Marshal Jerry Coborn:

1. Gave Department Updates. (Attached)

Alderman Steve Vogt:

1. MRPC Updates- Mr. Vogt attended a dues meeting stating that the dues had not been increased in 5 years due to covid. The rate was set at \$0.95 per capita, comparing last years rate from \$1898.76 for 27 MRPC hours increasing to \$2,008.80. He stated the dues would be reevaluated again next year. Mr. Vogt asked that the board to consider approving the MRPC hours tonight which would help with the planning of the budget, a motion to approve the MRPC

membership was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, second by Alderman Seth Klein, with all in favor.

City Attorney James Klahr:

1. Made a quick mention of the COT training in Lebanon
2. That this was the last week of legislature and if anything changed, he would provide updates.
3. Mention Gambling machines and wasn't exactly sure of what was going to come out of it.

K. Motion to enter closed session – was made by Alderman Seth Klein, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 7:55 pm

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

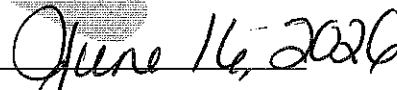
L. A motion to re-open regular session- was made by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Seth Klein with all in favor at 9:05 pm.

M. Motion to Adjourn -the meeting was made by Alderman Seth Klein, second by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor. A roll call was taken as follows: 9:05 pm

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



Mayor James Mitchell



Date



Cindy Barbarick



Date