

**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, March 10, 2026, at 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor James Mitchell, Alderman Steve Vogt, 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.

Absent -Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse.

C. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The mayor added one addition to new business item #3 – Renting of the water tower storage lot. Motion to accept the agenda was made by alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the February 25, 2026, regular minutes was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.

E. INVITED GUESTS: None

F. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

1. Tracey Creswell – was there to ask a question about the water pressure on her side of town. She was wanting to know if tying in the larger line will affect her side of town or just the other side.

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

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.
2. Work Comp Renewal- The council was presented with a packet from Missouri Rural Services outlining the price breakdown, this years rates are comparable to last year with a decrease of \$1.00. The total for 2026/27 renewal was \$16,731.00 with the first installment payment due in the amount of \$8373.00 before April 1st. With the remaining installment amounts of \$4179.00 due July 1st and October 1st. A motion to accept the renewal was made by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shop Roof discussion of bids with contractors.

- A. White's Handyman Service – Correction of price to \$7500.00 requiring 50% up front and the rest at completion. Mr. White was present to allow the council to ask questions. He stated he was just going to apply metal roofing over the existing structure and that he would not be able to offer a warranty. The council asked if he carried insurance to which he does not. Mr. White was also not certain of when he could start the project.
- B. 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. Mr. Trainor was present and addressed the council with a detailed description of the work he would be doing, stating he would be bracing the roof rafters and removing all the old roofing and replacing plywood and outlined the 3 different roofing options. He is fully insured and his price includes cleanup. And all his options include a 10-year workman ship warranty. Mr. Trainor expects to start the job within 2-3 weeks, weather depending.
- C. KRM Services - \$10,700.00 – Did not attend the meeting

After debating options and looking thoroughly at the bids, Alderman Seth Klein made a motion to move forward with Trainor & Sons option #1 in the amount of \$9,937.09 with OC Shingles with 50% to be paid upfront, motion second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

2. Vehicle Repair Discussion- Pudd mentioned that he had contacted the owner of the vehicles and that they were not interested in selling. He had also spoken with Rodgers Auto Body, and he agreed to work with us on the prices. For the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, Adam adjusted the price to \$2,500.00 and for the 2005 Dodge Ram he reduced the price to \$4,000.00. A motion to repair the vehicles and pay Rodgers Auto Body directly after the repair are made was made by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor.
3. Community Center Coolers- tabled

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Tower Inspection Repair and Quotes- The council was presented with a quote from Coating Inspection Services for inspection of both towers. It was explained that the company was not confident in sending a list for repairs because they had not visually seen the towers in over 4 years. The price for inspection is \$3,500.00. and they expect to have the inspections done in 2-3 weeks weather dependent. A motion to get the inspections was made by Alderman Seth Klein and second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
2. Back Flow Device for Community Center- the council was presented with a quote from Hartley's Climate Control to replace the back flow device in the amount of \$1,158.10. Additionally, the council was given a quote to purchase the same device from Grainer have our maintenance crew install it for \$468.99. A motion to purchase and install was made by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
3. Rental of Water Tower Storage Area- The mayor mentioned he was contacted by an electrical company today, that they would be doing overhead maintenance and needed a secure place to park their trucks and trailers for approximately 2-3 months. He mentioned that he showed them our water tower storage area and that it is a secure parking lot. The company has offered

to pay the city \$250.00 a month. The mayor also mentioned that he wants to try and negotiate the terms, to have them install some lights at the community center in lieu of some of the rent. James mentioned that it would be a good idea to draft a letter stating the city wouldn't be responsible and the terms of the agreement. A motion was made to allow the mayor to negotiate the terms by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor- James Mitchell:

1. Announced next regular meeting on April 14th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
2. The mayor announced that the police chief from Bland had organized an ATV/UTV Permitting Day for April 4th, 2026 at the Belle Council Chambers from 9 am to 1pm. The cities of Bland and Belle along with Maries, Osage and Gasconade will be present to sell their permits. It is suggested to reach out the county or city for each requirement.
3. Mayor Mitchell announced that the annual lead service inventory letters are being mailed again and will continue annually until further notice. The office is working on getting them mailed, and he wanted to make everyone aware that nothing is wrong, this is just precaution and a requirement of the federal government.
4. The recent storms from the weekend knocked down a tree on Swanson that had guide wire for the electric entangled inside. The mayor stayed on scene until the situation was cleared. He also wanted to thank the citizens that cleaned up the area on Swanson Street.

Supervisor Jim Goben

1. Business as usual nothing to report

Marshal Jerry Coborn:

1. Did not have department updates, stated that dispatch was too busy to send them over and he would include them with next month's stats.
2. Presented the council with a proposal to purchase new guns for the department. He is requesting to purchase 7 Glock 9mm Model 45V which includes Glock 17 magazines in the amount of \$3,038.00.

The department is making a request to allow the officers or city officials to purchase the duty weapons at the same rate they would be traded in for, with no sale to the public. The price of \$275 for 5 of the Glock gen 4 and \$230 for the Glock gen 1. The council denied request to have payment taken from paychecks, stating all weapons need to be paid for in advance of possession. The council was also informed that we would order and pay now, and the guns were 100-120 days out. A motion to allow the purchase and sell of duty weapons (without payment plan) was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf second by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

Alderman Steve Vogt:

1. MRPC Updates- Stated the next board retreat meeting is April 1st and a lot is discussed that day. March 11th is Dues Committee and it is required that every board member pays dues based on the size of the region they represent. The meeting was going to restructure the amount of dues being paid. The current state budget has pulled budgets from regional planning commissions; our local office is losing \$55,000.00 annually. Suggested if you have any pull with your local congressman to call them and request the funding be added back to the budget.
2. The Demolition Grant Discussion- brought up that he had talked with Kelly Sink at MRPC and that the 27 available hours would be used in its entirety and would need additional hours would be needed. He Stated that the grant is a voluntary no one can be forced to participate. That the city would need to identify and notify all qualifying buildings or homes. The owner of the property would be required to pay \$500.00 for residential and 20% of the total cost for industrial or business. It was explained that the award of the grant is done by percentage and that areas with a higher participation rate are considered first. A motion to move forward with the demolition grant was made by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. Several questions were brought up about current projects and how to move forward. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that a meeting with Kelly Sink and Chuck Cantrell would best benefit the decision process. A motion to withdraw the previous motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. Mr. Vogt is going to arrange a public meeting with Kelly to be announced later.
3. Spoke with Bonnie on grants with the federal government through Congressman Onder's office and that the deadline to submit for the grant is tomorrow.

4. City Attorney James Klahr:

1. Mr. Klahr spoke briefly on the Blue Shield Grant, detailing a little background for the grant. He explained that the grant was started last year by Gov. Kehoe. Brought to the attention that he had investigated the Blue Shield Grant a little and doesn't think the city would qualify due to not having a recruitment and retention program in place. However, thinks it's worth noting for the future.
 2. Mentioned the upcoming sunshine training provided around the state by Lauber Municipal Law Firm. Stated that the closest one to us this year is in Fulton or Lebanon.
- J.** Motion to enter closed session – was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 8:52 pm
- Alderman Seth Klein- aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye
- Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- absent
- K.** A motion to re-open regular session was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf second by Seth Klein with all in favor.

L. Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse motioned to revisit the approval of February 25, 2026 meeting minutes. Attorney James Klahr stopped the motion stating that someone who was present for that portion of the meeting needed to withdraw the motion.

M. A motion was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf second by Alderman Seth Klein with all in favor to revisit the minutes from the previous meeting.

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse then asked to look at the minutes from February 25, 2026 specifically the citizens participation portion.

She stated that the verbiage should be changed to "Tracey Creswell spoke on an interaction with Charro, admitting she was wrong and admitted to being rude to her and apologized to her."

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse made a motion to change the draft minutes and remove the word "nonsense" which died from the lack of a second.

Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse withdrew her motion.

N. Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, second by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor. A roll call was taken as follows:

Alderman Seth Klein- aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman- Steve Vogt- aye

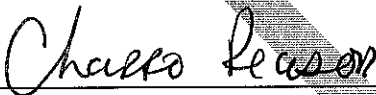
Alderwoman Rebecca Withouse- aye



Mayor James Mitchell

04/14/26

Date



Charro Reasor, Office Manager

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