

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MO**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**Saturday May 17, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

The Board of Aldermen met for a special board meeting on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

Mayor Thomas presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The following Alderpersons were "Present":

Alderwoman Warnusz, Alderman Weise, Alderman Gillespie, Alderwoman Harmon-Ward, and Alderwoman Dailes.

Alderwoman Smith was present via FaceTime. Alderwoman Hester arrived at 10:09 a.m. Seven aldermen were present. There was a quorum.

Also present were City Clerk Denise Johnson and City Attorney Sam Alton.

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing legal matters related to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO pursuant to MO Revised Statute 610.021 [1].

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to go into a closed session for the purpose of discussing legal matters related to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO as set forth in the MORS Section 610.021 [1].

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Warnusz "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes". The vote being six "Yes" votes and one not present. Motion carried.

City Attorney Alton briefly discussed the 72-hour rule for closed board sessions that relates to employment practices only. He also noted that this session should remain closed except for any actions and/or votes taken by the Board of Aldermen.

**-- Legal Fees Re: MO Ethics Commission Complaints**

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to allow City Attorney Alton to invoice the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors separately and in addition to his monthly

retainer/service fees for addressing and responding to the Missouri Ethics Commission complaints filed by former mayor Dinah Tatman.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Warnusz "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Hester, "Yes" and Alderwoman Smith "Yes". The vote being seven "Yes" votes. Motion carried.

### **— St. Louis County and U.S. Attorney Office Filings**

Attorney Alton stated that he has filing packets with the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's office and the U.S. Attorney's office with Hal Goldsmith related to city checks being signed and processed in error and not in accordance with City of Bellefontaine Neighbors statutes.

Attorney Alton explained the process of filing an article of impeachment per the board's request and to include this matter on the upcoming open board agenda.

### **--ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Hester to adjourn.

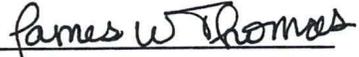
Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes" Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderwoman Warnusz "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", and Alderwoman Smith "Yes". The vote being seven "Yes" votes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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City Clerk  
Denise Johnson

  
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Mayor  
James W. Thomas