

CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MO
MINUTES OF THE OPEN
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Thursday June 5, 2025 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met for an open meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2025.
Mayor Thomas presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Conducted by all in attendance.

Roll Call

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call. The following Alderpersons were "Present" virtually or in person: Alderwoman Hester, Alderman Gillespie, Alderwoman Warnusz, Alderman Wiese, Alderwoman Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Dailes and Alderwoman Smith. Seven aldermen were present. There was a quorum.

Also present were City Clerk Denise Johnson, City Attorney Sam Alton, City Treasurer Rick Rognan, Interim Chief Timothy Sanders, and other members of the city police department.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Thomas requested approval of the agenda as presented.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve the presented agenda.

Mayor Thomas called for board discussion and hearing none, he 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Thomas requested approval of the following board meeting minutes by block with the necessary corrections:

Special Session Minutes February 3, 2025
Open Session Minutes February 6, 2025
Closed Session Minutes February 11, 2025
Special Emer. Minutes February 15, 2025
Open Session Minutes March 22, 2025

Closed Session Minutes February 6, 2025
Special Session Minutes February 8, 2025
Closed Session Minutes February 15, 2025
Open Session Minutes February 22, 2025

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderwoman Warnusz to approve the board meeting minutes with the necessary corrections.

Mayor Thomas called for board discussion and hearing none, he 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.

Presentation from the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department

Mr. Chris Cassaday of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department and Mr. David Reagan of the Labor Union Local #42 presented information related to the improved status of the city employees over the past few weeks. Mr. Reagan stated that he has talked to various employees in different departments over several meetings and reported pay related corrections have been made and other issues like the security benefits issue is currently being worked on. Mr. Reagan thanked the Mayor and Board for moving forward with the various concerns and requests of the police department.

Attorney Alton asked when did the issues with employee pay check stubs and security benefits start— Mr. Cassidy noted sometime in 2024 is when employees started noticing paycheck stubs did not show security benefits deductions and when he asked about it, no one in the former administration knew where the money was going to; but it was not going to security benefits.

Mr. Cassaday stated that several employees noticed payment deductions from their checks in Feb. 2024 and May 2024 but it was not going to security benefits. He talked to the commander and previous administration in May 2024; and it is still not fully resolved.

Attorney Alton asked is everything correct on the paycheck stubs now. Mr. Cassaday stated now they can see hours worked, hourly wage, and the benefits coming out of the check.

City Attorney Alton asked Mr. Cassaday to explain the reimbursement request made by (5) former and current police officers.

Mr. Cassaday noted that the city had a policy in place for more than ten (10) years that allowed for a \$1,000 medical reimbursement after employees met their required \$1,500 deductible for medical costs. The policy was provided by a third party insurer that was contracted with the city. Due to nonpayment of the premium, the policy lapsed in 2022 or 2023 under the previous administration. He noted that he informed the former administration and they said they would look into it. The former administration did notify him that the policy lapsed but did not give the employee reimbursement. He did not know if the Board was made aware or not.

Discussion, comments and questions followed from the Board to Mr. Cassidy.

Mr. Cassidy stated that in 2023, employees did not get their annual, raise on July 1st. It should have been across the board annually for all staff for a period of 10 years but was frozen by the mayor at that time. He did not know if the Board was made aware or not.

In July 2024, employees did not get a raise but in November of 2024 staff did get a 2% raise from the former mayor. Alderwoman Smith stated she had a copy of what the board did approve in the way of raises for the employees.

Mr. Cassidy stated that with the raise received November 2024, they also received back pay of twelve (12) hour pay periods covering July 2024 to November 2024. The back pay did not cover any overtime or holiday time only 80 hours per week. He assumed the board did not know.

Attorney Alton re-iterated that the Board approved step raises some time ago but staff was denied it for a period of time. Then randomly, the former mayor decided to give the raises/back pay but the amounts were potentially wrong due to missing overtime and holiday time. He stated he did bring this to the previous administration and nothing happened. It was never corrected.

Mr. Cassaday said the back pay that they received was also in error because deductions like health and dental was not supposed to be included in the back pay checks. He presented a list of amounts owed to employees related to straight time vs. overtime/holiday pay as well as a paycheck stub for board review. Mr. Cassaday also stated that corrected salary amounts need be reported to LAGERS pension services.

Alderwoman Dailes asked did any of the officers ever receive a straight check, signed by the former mayor for any of these amounts owed. Mr. Cassaday stated that one or two officers did receive checks cut from the city but is not sure who signed them.

Further discussion, comments and questions followed from the Board to Mr. Cassidy.

Attorney Alton thanked Mr. Cassidy for bringing these issues before the board of aldermen. Attorney Alton stated that these request(s) will come back to the board for approval in the form of an ordinance.

Presentation from Bernard Grieshaber–REJIS Servers for City complex

Mr. Grieshaber explained the need for new servers for the city. He presented bids for board review as follows:

- SHI MO-Regional Justice Information Service Commission \$11,041.96
- Paragon Micro \$9,789.99

Among other things, he noted that the current system has been in place since 2019 (6 years old) and in October 2025, the current software being used will no longer be supported by Microsoft.

Mr. Grieshaber recommended two servers so that one can back up the other and also going to a cloud based system which will eliminate monthly subscription fees and will result in less down time. Both bids are for the exact same specifications except one has the 2021 version of Windows and the other has the 2025 version. SHI holds the state contract. The REJIS contract will not change but there is a payment to transfer physical files to the cloud.

Mayor Thomas requested board action.

Board questions and comments followed. It was noted that the board had previously authorized funds for new servers that were never purchased. REJIS proposed more suitable servers. The board also noted current issues with their email set-up, login and retrieval process.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve the bid from SHI for the purchase of two (2) servers in the amount of \$11,041.96 each totaling 22,083.92.

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.

Financial Report of City Finances- Rick Rognan and Mayor Thomas

Treasurer Rognan presented and discussed the budget for review. He noted that that 60% of the budget comes from payroll. The city is eleven (11) months into the current budget and if expenses stay on trend, he projects the city will come in under budget. He stated that is a job well done since the city is still using the budget from 2022-2023 as a tool including those payroll amounts and things like inflation from previous year(s). The city should come in at about 97% (\$94,000 under budget). He noted departments to watch for over budgeting may be public works and parks and recreation. All other departments are under budget.

Treasurer Rognan stated that the state deadline to approve a new budget is July 1, 2025. The city will be holding a public hearing and requesting approval for the 2025-2026 budget before that date.

Treasurer Rognan stated that when the new fiscal year begins the city will finally separate different funds, like sewer lateral, debt service, and capital improvements, into their own accounts. The city will be ordering new checks for individual accounts which had been refused by the city before. It was recommended before but never done in the past.

He also recommends having a separate check run for all ACH payments from the city. Electronic fund transfers to pay bills should be monitored separately and reported monthly to the board for review. Payroll should also be looked closely at and monitored for improvements.

Once the accounts are broken out, the monthly reports should look different. He noted it will take a few months of proper QuickBooks entries to get a corrected, better report that will let auditors know that funds and expenses are being properly managed by the finance clerk(s).

The auditors will be conducting three audits. The city is currently two audits behind. He noted that hopefully they can have them completed by the next fiscal year.

Attorney Alton asked if the city is prepared to handle the issues with ARPA funds, the accounts that ARPA checks were being cut from, and the reimbursement of unused funds in the approximate amount of \$696,000.00 to the Department of Treasury.

Treasurer Rognan stated that no checks were written because the city refused to get ARPA checks for the fund account, all expenses came from the general revenue account. Also, any purchases would have had to be approved by the board, not just one person electing to make purchases with the ARPA funds. He stated that ARPA funds had to be committed and authorized before spending. The city has to go back and find out what specific purchases were board approved for ARPA. If the proper steps were not taken, the ARPA funds must be returned. The last list from the city of approved ARPA funds was submitted by former employee Lori Lenz last May (2024) and there may have been purchased items on it that were not properly authorized by the board of aldermen.

Mayor Thomas stated that the city is looking to hire another temporary employee for the finance department to help correct some of the current issues and to assist with the recommendations.

Legislative Business- Ordinances and Resolutions:

Bill Number 2720 MOPERM Liability Coverage Contract

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS ACCEPTING THE MOPERM COVERAGE PROPOSAL FOR THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ACCEPTANCE OF SAME.

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call vote including a first and second reading of bill number 2720.

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to conduct the first reading of bill number 2720.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none. 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.

Attorney Alton conducted the first reading of bill number 2720.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion of a second reading.

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to conduct the second reading of bill number 2720.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion--none. 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.

Attorney Alton conducted the second reading of bill number 2720.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2720 to become ordinance number 2691 when and if he signs it.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve bill number 2720 becoming ordinance number 2691 when, and if, he signs it.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comments.

Attorney Alton noted that the city does have liability coverage at a cost of \$ 281,74.00 (\$100,000.00 less than the previous MIRMA premium of more than \$330,000.00 annually).

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz "No", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being seven "Yes" votes. Motion carried.

Bill number 2720 will become Ordinance number 2691.

Bill Number 2721 Accounts Payable procedures and Amendment of Code Section 2-246

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ESTABLISHING THE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND THE TRACKING OF CITY FINANCES AND AMENDING SECTION 2-246 OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE WITH REGARD TO SIGNATORIES AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES.

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call vote including a first and second reading of bill number 2721.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to conduct the first reading of bill number 2721.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz "No", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being six "Yes" votes and one "No" vote. Motion carried.

Attorney Alton conducted the first reading of bill number 2721.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion for a second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the second reading of bill number 2721.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz "No", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being six "Yes" votes and one "No" vote. Motion carried.

Attorney Alton conducted the second reading of bill number 2721.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2721 to become ordinance number 2692.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve bill number 2721 becoming ordinance number 2692 when, and if, he signs it.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comments—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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.

Bill number 2721 will become Ordinance number 2692.

Bill Number 2722

Medical Expense Reimbursement

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$1,000.00 TO CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES THAT SURPASSED THE \$1,500.00 DEDUCTIBLE FOR MEDICAL COSTS PURSUANT TO SECONDARY HEALTHCARE COVERAGE UNDER AFLAC OFFERED BY THE CITY THAT LAPSED FROM MARCH, 2022 THROUGH MARCH, 2025, AS REFERENCED IN EXHIBIT A ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE.

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call vote including a first and second reading of bill number 2722.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to conduct the first reading of bill number 2722.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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.

Attorney Alton conducted the first reading of bill number 2722.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion for a second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the second reading of bill number 2722.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none. 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.

Attorney Alton conducted the second reading of bill number 2722.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2722 to become ordinance number 2693 when, and if, he signs it.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve bill number 2722 becoming ordinance number 2693 when and if he signs it.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comments—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz "No", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being six "Yes" votes and one "No" vote. Motion carried.

Bill number 2722 will become Ordinance number 2693.

Bill Number 2723 Outside Cooking Property Line Compliance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ENACTING SECTION 19-74 OF CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING OUTSIDE COOKING IN FRONT OF BUILDING PROPERTY LINE(S).

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call vote including a first and second reading of bill number 2723.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the first reading of bill number 2723.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion. Alderwoman Hester requested clarification related to the front yard/property line.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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.

Attorney Alton conducted the first reading of bill number 2723.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion for a second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the second reading of bill number 2723.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion--none. 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.

Attorney Alton conducted the second reading of bill number 2723.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2723 to become ordinance number 2694.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to approve bill number 2723 becoming ordinance number 2694 when and if he signs it.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comment--none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz "No", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being six "Yes" votes and one "No' vote. Motion carried.

Bill number 2723 will become Ordinance number 2694.

Bill Number 2724 Articles of Impeachment

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT AND DRAFTING OF ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST A BOARD MEMBER.

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call vote including a first and second reading of bill number 2724.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to conduct the first reading of bill number 2724.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion. Attorney Alton asked Alderwoman Warnusz to abstain from voting on this bill/ordinance due to a direct, financial interest in the outcome.

Alderwoman Hester stated that she understands the concerns about the impeachment process, but she has decided that she cannot support the impeachment process at this time. She needs more evidence, clear and concrete. She remains committed to accountability.

Attorney Alton explained the impeachment process as set forth in the city code of ordinances section 2-246 related to the inappropriate signage of city checks by Alderwoman Peg Warnusz. The only process expected tonight is whether or not to move forward with a hearing.

Alderman Gillespie noted for clarity that any alderperson can be subject to this same process—correct per Attorney Alton.

Alderman Wesie noted for clarity that there is no impeachment at this time—correct per Attorney Alton. He also noted a simple majority is all that is required to proceed with this process.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote for the 1st ready.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "No", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz –no vote taken, Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being five "Yes" votes, one "No" vote, and one not voting. Motion carried.

Attorney Alton conducted the first reading of bill number 2724.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion for a second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to conduct the second reading of bill number 2724.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion. Alderwoman Warnusz stated that there are two (2) Margaret Warnusz. She is Margaret A. Warnusz. Attorney Alton noted the clarification.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "No", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz –no vote taken, Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being five "Yes" votes, one "No" vote, and one not voting. Motion carried.

Attorney Alton conducted the second reading of bill number 2724.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2724 to become ordinance number 2695.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve bill number 2724 becoming ordinance number 2695 when and if he signs it.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comment--none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "No", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderwoman Warnusz –no vote taken, Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes," Alderwoman Dailes "Yes," and Alderwoman Smith "Yes" The vote being five "Yes" votes, one "No" vote, and one not voting. Motion carried.

Bill number 2724 will become Ordinance number 2695.

Resolution 2025-07 Banking Institution Signature Changes

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, REMOVING SEMMIE RUFFIN-HALL FROM ANY AND ALL CITY BANK ACCOUNTS INCLUDING SIMMONS BANK AND REGIONS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK/ACCOUNTANT, DENISE JOHNSON, TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND THAT SHE BE A SIGNATORY ON ALL CITY BANK ACCOUNTS

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to read by title only.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve reading resolution number 2025-07 by title only.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comments--none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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.

Attorney Alton conducted the title only reading of resolution number 2025-07.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote to approval resolution number 2025-07.

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderwoman Hester to approve resolution number 2025-07.

Mayor Thomas asked for any questions or comments--none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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.

Approval of Invoices/Warrants to Pay the Bills- \$97,558.56

Mayor Thomas requested board action to approve invoices.

Members of the Ways & Means committee remarked on the invoices they reviewed in a previous committee meeting.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to approve the presented invoices through June 5, 2025, amounting in \$97,558.56 with the discussed changes and totals.

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.

New Business – July 2025 board meeting date change

Mayor Thomas asked the board whether or not they wanted to change next month's meeting date due to the 4th of July holiday.

Board discussion followed.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to move next month's meeting date to Tuesday, July 1, 2025, due to the 4th of July holiday.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. "Ayes"-all and "Nays" –none. Motion passed.

Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes each)

Mayor Thomas opened the meeting up for public comment (in person and virtually on zoom) and requested speakers limit their discussion to three (3) minutes.

Comments and concerns from residents followed on various topics discussed during the meeting.

Attorney's Report

No additional comments made.

Department Head Reports

Where made available in print.

Aldermen Reports

Board members thanked the meeting attendees and commented on various topics discussed during the meeting, including the speeding issues on Bellefontaine Road and other resident issues.

Alderwoman Hester reiterated her position regarding the impeachment process and ord. sec. 2-246. Alderwoman Hester informed the residents of the 3rd Annual Bellefontaine Neighbors Juneteenth Celebration being held Saturday, June 19, 2025.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thomas thanked the meeting attendees and commented on various topics discussed during the meeting. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming 75th year celebration of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO being held on July 12, 2025 in front of the recreation center.

Motion to Adjourn

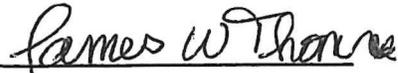
Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Hester to adjourn.

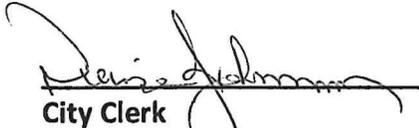
Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Hester "Yes" Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderwoman Warnusz "Yes", Alderman Weise "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


Mayor
James W. Thomas


City Clerk
Denise Johnson

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