

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

**Friday     June 27, 2025     6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Aldermen met for a special open meeting on Friday, June 27, 2025 via Zoom. Mayor Thomas presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Conducted by all in attendance.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call. The following Alderpersons were "Present" virtually: Alderman Gillespie, Alderman Wiese, Alderwoman Dailes, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Hester. Five aldermen were present. There was a quorum.

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

Alderwoman Harmon-Ward was excused from meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business – MEM Workers Compensation Proposal**

Mayor Thomas opened up the meeting to Mark Johnson—Daniel and Henry Representative to explain the worker's compensation coverage offered by MEM. He noted the MEM Shield Insurance Company ("MEM") has agreed to provide workers compensation insurance for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, at an annual cost of \$260,313.00, effective July 1, 2025.

Mr. Johnson stated that the City could go out for better premiums next year and he would help the city put in place better risk management policies to ensure better rates next year.

Board member comments followed.

Mayor Thomas requested board action on bill number 2726.

**--Bill Number 2726    MEM Workers Compensation Proposal**

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

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the first reading.

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Wiese to conduct the first reading of bill number 2726.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none.

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

Attorney Alton conducted the first reading of bill number 2726.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the second reading.

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Wiese to conduct the second reading of bill number 2726.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none.

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

Attorney Alton conducted the second reading of bill number 2726.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2726 to become ordinance number 2696 when, and if, he signs it.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to approve bill number 2726 becoming ordinance number 2696 when, and if, he signs it.

Mayor Thomas asked for any further discussion--none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie “Yes”, Alderman Wiese “Yes”, Alderwoman Dailes “Yes”, Alderwoman Smith “Yes”, and Alderwoman Hester “Yes”. Five “Yes” votes. Motion passed.

Bill number 2726 becomes Ordinance number 2696.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Wiese to adjourn.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie “Yes”, Alderman Wiese “Yes”, Alderwoman Harmon-Ward “Yes”, Alderwoman Dailes “Yes”, and Alderwoman Hester “Yes”. Five “Yes” votes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

James W. Thomas  
Mayor  
James W. Thomas

ATTEST

Denise Johnson  
City Clerk  
Denise Johnson

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