

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

Friday July 11, 2025

The Board of Aldermen met for a special closed meeting on Friday, July 11, 2025, via zoom immediately following the special open meeting.

Mayor Thomas presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Roll Call

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call. The following Alderpersons answered "Present": Alderman Gillespie, Alderman Weise, Alderwoman Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Dailes, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Hester. Six aldermen were present. There was a quorum.

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

1st Order of Business Discussion/Action – Code Enforcement Officer Felicia Bishop

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to terminate at will employee, Code Enforcement Officer Felicia Bishop, at cause, due to numerous residential complaints, board member complaints, and unprofessional conduct and work attitude.

Mayor Thomas called for further discussion and hearing none, he called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Weise "Abstain", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", and Alderwoman Hester "No". The vote being four "Yes" votes, one "No" vote and one "Abstain" vote. Motion passed.

Other Business– Finance Clerk Leslie Blackshear, Part Time Finance Clerk Cherise Harris

Mayor Thomas reported the board of aldermen that Finance Clerk Leslie Blackshear will be resigning from Bellefontaine Neighbors in two weeks because she has accepted another position.

Mayor Thomas reported the board of aldermen that Part Time Finance Clerk Cherise Harris has resigned due to unexplained circumstances.

Motion to go back into an Open Meeting from the Closed Meeting

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters

related to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO pursuant to MO Revised Statute Sections 610.021 [1] and [3].

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Wiese to go back into an open meeting and close out the current closed meeting.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Weise "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", and Alderwoman Hester "Yes". The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to adjourn.

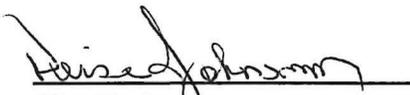
Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Weise "Yes", Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", and Alderwoman Hester "Yes". The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

ATTEST


Mayor
James W. Thomas


City Clerk
Denise Johnson

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