

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

Friday July 22, 2025

The Board of Aldermen met for a special closed meeting on Friday, July 11, 2025, via zoom. Mayor Thomas presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Alderwoman Hester was excused.

Also present: City Clerk Denise Johnson, City Attorney Sam Alton, and City Treasurer Rick Rognan.

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 [3].

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to go into closed session pursuant to MO Revised Statute Section 610.021 [3].

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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

1st Order of Business– Financial Director Proposal Review - Deletra Hudson LLC,

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to approve the finance director proposal submitted by Deletra Hudson, L.L.C. in the annual amount of \$60,000 for a one (1) year renewable contract (\$5,000 monthly).

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

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

2nd Order of Business– Financial Services Proposal Review – Leslie Blackshear

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve the financial services clerical position proposal submitted by Leslie Blackshear in the annual amount of \$2,000 monthly for services rendered on a month-to-month basis.

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

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

Other Business– Resignation of Employee Semmie Ruffin-Hall's

Mayor Thomas reported to the board of aldermen that Special Projects Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall submitted her two week notice of resignation. Her resignation will go into effect July 23, 2025.

Adjournment

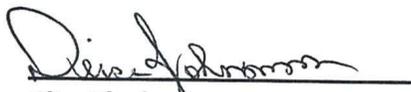
Alderwoman Smith was excused from the meeting at 6:40 p.m. There was no longer a quorum. No further board action occurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST



Mayor
James W. Thomas



City Clerk
Denise Johnson

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