

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

Thursday October 2, 2025 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met for an open meeting on Thursday, October 2, 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 Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Dailes, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Hester, Alderman Gillespie, and Alderman Wiese. Six 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, Director Jeff Ross, Finance Director Deletra Hudson and other members of the city's staff.

Alderwoman Nunley was excused from the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Thomas requested approval of the agenda as presented.

Alderwoman Dailes requested that the agenda be amended to include discussion on the following three items: speed humps/bumps installation, snow removal bids, and derelict property clean up.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to amend the agenda under "new business" to include discussion and board action on the following three (3) items: speed humps/bumps installation, snow removal bids, and derelict property cleanup for cause related to safety concerns.

Board discussion followed.

Mayor Thomas called for board discussion and hearing none, he called for those who were in favor. "Aye" by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Dailes, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderman Gillespie. Those who were opposed, "Nay" by Alderwoman Hester and Alderman Wiese. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

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

Closed Meeting Minutes -September 4, 2025 Open Meeting Minutes -September 4, 2025
Emergency Closed Meeting -September 4, 2025 Special Open Meeting Minutes-September 9, 2025
Special Open Meeting Minutes -September 18, 2025

Motioned by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderwoman Hester to approve the presented board meeting minutes, with any necessary corrections.

Mayor Thomas called for board discussion and hearing none, he called for those who were in favor. "Aye" by all board members present and those who were opposed, "Nay" being none. Motion passed.

Presentations/Requests

--None presented.

New Business

--Bellefontaine Neighbors Street Repairs

Discussed later during the open meeting.

--Bid Results --Street Snow Salt

Mayor Thomas presented and read the two sealed bids received for street salt and delivery 2025-2026.

- Compass Minerals Declined to bid at this time
- Morton Salt, Inc. \$87.49 per delivered ton of snow salt

Director Ross stated that the bid amounts are lower than previous year(s) from other company(s). He stated that the city currently has approximately 80-90 tons in the city shed which holds up to 250 tons.

Motioned by Alderman Wiese and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to accept and proceed with an agreement for snow salt services with Morton Salt for 2025-2026 at the rate of \$87.49 per delivered ton.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

--Speed Humps/Bumps

Alderwoman Dailes requested that the City begin the speed hump process that is already budgeted including the engineering services up to the amount of \$\$250,000.

Board comments and discussion followed including whether or not those funds could be used to hire additional police officers for the city and should a feasibility study be conducted first.

Mayor Thomas called for board action on the matter.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to begin the feasibility study including engineering services on city-wide street improvements and speed humps with budgeted funds in the amount of \$250,000.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

--Snow Removal Services

Alderwoman Dailes requested that the City seek example RFPs (Request for Proposals) from the State of Missouri for snow removal services 2025-2026. She noted that it would be for the 4.4 square miles in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Board discussion followed. Alderwoman Dailes will get the example RFPs and share them with City Attorney Alton for review and revision before presentation to the board.

No board action or vote taken on this matter.

--Property Cleanup

Alderwoman Dailes requested that the City solicit RFPs (Request for Proposals) for derelict property clean up throughout the city for safety reasons and to prevent squatters from occupying vacant homes.

Board discussion followed. Attorney Alton stated that the city is not allowed to go into vacant homes without an administrative warrant. He also noted that acquiring 3rd party permission to enter these homes is problematic. City Attorney Alton will look into the issue further.

No board action or vote taken on this matter.

Financial Report of City Finances- Rick Rognan and Mayor Thomas

--Gilmore and Bell

City Treasurer Rognan discussed street bond services provided by Gilmore and Bell. He stated that they have provided contracted bond compliance services with the city of Bellefontaine Neighbors since 2019. They are requesting contract engagement continue along with payment for services rendered and \$1,750 per year (for an aggregate amount of \$8,750 for the five year contract term).

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve the contract engagement with Gilmore and Bell as Bond Council for bond and securities disclosure compliance along

with payment for services rendered in the amounts of \$5,250 and \$1,750 per year (for an aggregate amount of \$8,750 for the five year contract term).

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

--Unaudited Finance Statements- September 2025

Treasurer Rognan presented and discussed the unaudited financial statements for September 2025 to the board and residents.

--Independent Audit Report –Year 2022

Treasurer Rognan presented the finalized 2022 independent audit report from the firm of CR Williams. Copies were provided to residents at the meeting and on the city's website.

--Street Bond Account Information

Treasurer Rognan reported that the street bond account currently has over one million dollars available. These funds have been in the account since 2017 with no approved street repairs made in the city. Since the city is behind in this process, he suggested the board move to begin street improvements as soon as possible.

Board discussion followed. It was noted that the street repair should be included with the street humps street improvement feasibility RFPs to expedite the process.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve Bond Council Gilmore and Bell's allocation of debt service street bond funds to begin the street repair/street improvement/street humps process beginning with engineer services and a feasibility study as soon as possible.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

--Monthly Finance Report –September 2025

Finance Director Hudson provided copies of the September 2025 financial report to the board.

Legislative Business- Ordinances and Resolutions:

a) Bill Number 2736 Court Services Authorization and Consolidation Agreement

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the first reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to conduct the first reading of bill number 2736.

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 2736.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the second reading of bill number 2736.

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 2736.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2736 to become ordinance number 2706.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve bill number 2736 becoming ordinance number 2706 when, and if, the mayor signs it.

Board comments and concerns followed related to the process being expedited and the need for more information before agreeing to move court services from Bellefontaine Neighbors to Ferguson, Mo. Aldermen Gillespie also requested to speak with the Judge on this issue.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "No", Alderman Gillespie "No" Alderman Wiese "No" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being three "Yes" votes and three "No" votes. Motion failed.

b) Bill Number 2737 “Kelly Day” Compensation

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the first reading.

Motioned by Alderman Wiese and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the first reading of bill number 2737.

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 2737.
Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to conduct the second reading of bill number 2737.

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 2737.
Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2737 to become ordinance number 2706.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to approve bill number 2737 becoming ordinance number 2706 when, and if, the mayor signs it.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith “Yes”, Alderwoman Hester “Yes”, Alderman Gillespie “Yes” Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

Bill number 2737 becomes Ordinance number 2706.

c) Bill Number 2738 457 Plan Repayment

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the first reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to conduct the first reading of bill number 2738.

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 2738.
Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the second reading of bill number 2738.

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 2738.
Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2738 to become ordinance number 2707.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to approve bill number 2738 becoming ordinance number 2707 when, and if, the mayor signs it.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

Bill number 2738 becomes Ordinance number 2707.

d) Bill Number 2739 Deletra Hudson, LLC - H. R. Services Agreement

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the first reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to conduct the first reading of bill number 2739.

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 2739.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Hester to conduct the second reading of bill number 2739.

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 2739.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2739 to become ordinance number 2708.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Hester to approve bill number 2739 becoming ordinance number 2708 when, and if, the mayor signs it.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Hester "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes" Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being six "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

Bill number 2739 becomes Ordinance number 2708.

e) Resolution 2025-09 Deletra Hudson, LLC - Bank Signatory

Attorney Alton presented and explained the resolution to the board and residents.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve resolution 2025-09 as presented.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion—none.

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

Approval of Invoices and Requisitions

Mayor Thomas requested board action to approve the city invoices and requisitions.

The bills presented were reviewed and approved by the Ways and Means Committee in several different scheduled meetings.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to approve the unpaid bill list through September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$60,172.11

Mayor Thomas called for any board discussion.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Abstain", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith “Yes”, Alderwoman Hester “Yes”, Alderman Gillespie “Yes” Alderman Wiese "Yes" and Alderwoman Nunley—not present. The vote being five "Yes" votes and one abstention. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Dailes requested \$8,000 for the upcoming Black History Month Celebrations. She noted that the Ways & Means committee decided to bring it to the full board to avoid any issues.

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

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 from residents followed on various topics discussed during the meeting and concerns related to the 2022 audit report, ARPA funds, speeding vehicles, and street issues.

Attorney’s Report

Attorney Alton commented on various topics.

Department Head Reports

Copies of the reports from the directors of the Public Works and Parks & Recreation departments were provided.

Aldermen Reports

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

Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Dailes thanked the police department for their quick response related to the flooding in Ward 4.

Alderwoman Hester read a statement to the board and residents related to an incident that happened at the Bellefontaine Neighbors town hall meeting held September 25, 2025 and asked that it be included in the city records.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Thomas thanked the meeting attendees and commented on topics discussed during the meeting.

He also informed the residents that he is working on hiring a Code Compliance Officer to fill the old Code Enforcement Officer position.

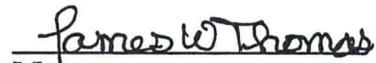
Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by Alderwoman Hester and seconded by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

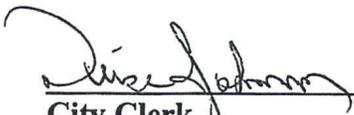
Mayor Thomas called for the vote. “Ayes”-all and “Nays” –none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



Mayor
James W. Thomas

ATTEST



City Clerk
Denise Johnson

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