

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

Thursday December 4, 2025 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met for an open meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2025. Mayor James Thomas presided over the meeting.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by all in attendance.

Certificate of Recognition and Proclamation

Mayor Thomas presented a Certificate of Recognition from Senator Brian Williams to the Fire Chief and several members of the North County Fire and Rescue Department. He also presented a Proclamation honoring their rescue efforts from the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri.

Roll Call

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call. The following Alderpersons were "present" virtually or in person: Alderwoman Alicia Smith, Alderman William Gillespie, Alderman Michael Wiese, Alderwoman Michelle Nunley, and Alderwoman Alease Dailes. Five aldermen were present. There was a quorum.

Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward and Alderwoman Theresa Hester were excused.

Also present were City Clerk Denise Johnson, City Attorney Sam Alton, City Treasurer Rick Rognan, Interim Chief Timothy Sanders, Finance Director Deletra Hudson, City Engineer Clayton Klein and other members of the city's staff.

Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Wiese to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

Closed Board Meeting Minutes -October 2, 2025	Open Board Meeting Minutes -October 2, 2025
Special Open Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2025	Special Open Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2025

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Wiese 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"- all board members present. "Nay"- none. Motion passed.

Presentations/Requests

-Black History Month Expense Request

Alderwoman Dailes requested an \$8,000 budget for the upcoming Black History Month Celebration. She noted that the expense would cover food for approximately 350 residents, a band, guest speakers, and a children's event. Alderwoman Dailes and the committee will also work on vendor donations to recoup the expense.

Board discussion, comments and questions followed. Mayor Thomas requested that residents also serve on the committee and participate in the planning of the event. Receipts to be presented to the finance dept.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to approve an \$8,000 budgetary expense request for the 2026 Black History Month Celebration with funds coming from the city's general funds account.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley "Yes", and Alderwoman Dailes "Yes". The vote being five "Yes" votes and two not present. Motion passed.

New Business

-- Weis Design Group-Proposal for Street Feasibility Study

Tom Weis presented and discussed the Weis Design Group's proposal to study and document the needed street repairs within the city of Bellefontaine Neighbors. The feasibility study would cost \$24,600 with funds coming from the capital improvements account. Study to include costs for engineering services, city-wide street improvements and speed humps as requested by the board of aldermen.

Board discussion and comments followed. Mayor Thomas requested board action.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Wiese to approve the feasibility study proposal by Weis Design Group in the amount of \$24,600 as presented.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley "Yes", and Alderwoman Dailes "Yes". The vote being five "Yes" votes and two not present. Motion passed.

Tom Weis also stated that his office will be presenting a grant proposal for Weis Design Group to facilitate for Shepley Road. The grant application would be included in the upcoming round of the East West Gateway STP grant program. The deadline to apply is set for February 6, 2026. The board was in agreement with the grant suggestion and will consider approval in an upcoming meeting.

-- MIRMA Health Rates for 2026 Request

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed the employee health care premiums as submitted by MIRMA (Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) for the enrollment year of 2026.

Mayor Thomas asked for any discussion and hearing none, he called for a motion.

Motioned by Alderman Wiese and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to approve the 2026 employee health care premiums as submitted by MIRMA.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley "Yes", and Alderwoman Dailes "Yes". The vote being five "Yes" votes and two not present. Motion passed.

-- Request for a Board Workshop and Tentative Date

Alderwoman Dailes requested a special board workshop to discuss topics including the general election, rental fee policies for "street fund", and term lengths of service elected officials.

Board discussion and comments followed. Mayor Thomas requested board action. The board decided to set the workshop for Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Financial Report of City Finances- Rick Rognan and Mayor Thomas

--Unaudited Financial Statements- November 2025

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

--Monthly Financial Report –November 2025

Finance Director Hudson provided copies of the November 2025 financial report to the board and residents to review.

Legislative Business- Bills/Ordinances/Resolutions:

--Bill Number 2740 -- 457 & 401 Plan Interest Adjustment Authorization

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE RE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS/CONTRIBUTIONS/EARNINGS OWED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2025 AS REFERENCED IN EXHIBIT A ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the first reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Wiese to conduct the first reading of bill number 2740.

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 2740.

Mayor Thomas requested a motion to conduct the second reading.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Wiese to conduct the second reading of bill number 2740.

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 2740.

Mayor Thomas requested approval for bill number 2740.

Motioned by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve bill number 2740 becoming ordinance number 2709

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderman Gillespie “Yes”, Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley "Yes", and Alderwoman Dailes “Yes”. The vote being five "Yes" votes and two not present. Motion passed.

Bill number 2740 will become Ordinance number 2709 if, and when, the mayor signs it.

Invoices and Requisitions -November 2025

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

- Bill Payment List – dated November 1-8, 2025
- Bill Payment List – dated November 14, 2025
- Bill Payment List – dated November 17-20, 2025
- Bill Payment List – dated November 21, 2025 - back pay
- Bill Payment List – dated November 24-28, 2025
- Unpaid Bills List -- as of November 30, 2025 in the amount of \$68,543.68

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Nunley to approve the unpaid bill list for November 30, 2025 in the amount of \$68,543.68.

Board comments and questions followed. The bills presented were reviewed by members of the Ways and Means Committee. Finance Director Hudson clarified the total amount owed for the month.

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

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley "Yes", and Alderwoman Dailes "Yes". The vote being five "Yes" votes and two not present. 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.

Residents expressed concern about issues related to loud noise/nuisance violations and police conduct in response to residential calls. Atty. Alton and Interim Chief Sanders will address the issues noted.

Resident Barbara West requested a \$2,000 budget for the upcoming Kwanzaa Celebration She also noted that she has contributed her own funds towards the event in the past and would like this expense funded. It was also noted that receipts will be turned into the city after the event.

Discussion and comments followed from the mayor, board and residents. Mayor Thomas requested board action of the request.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Wiese to approve a \$2,000 budgetary expense for the 2025 Kwanzaa Celebration with funds coming from the city's general account.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderman Gillespie "Yes", Alderman Wiese "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley "Yes", and Alderwoman Dailes "Yes". The vote being five "Yes" votes and two not present. Motion passed.

Resident Miranda Avant noted that state statute requires an ordinance/resolution to change/amend the city/s budget. Attorney Alton will look into the matter and, if necessary, present the appropriate information to the board for consideration/approval.

Other comments from residents followed on various topics discussed during the meeting and concerns related to ARPA funds, speeding vehicles, street issues, etc.

City Attorney's Report

Attorney Alton commented on various topics discussed in the meeting.

Department Heads Monthly Reports

- Interim Chief Timothy Sanders –November 2025
- Parks & Recreation Director Marvin Crumer – November 2025
- Public Works/Streets Director Jeff Ross – November 2025
- Planning & Zoning Chairman Pat Barrett – P&Z Minutes of October 13, 2025, Nov. /Dec. notices

Presented report copies were provided and made available to the residents at the meeting.

Aldermen Reports

Board members thanked the meeting attendees and commented on various topics discussed during the meeting, including loud noise from neighbors, police conduct, the Shepley Rd. grant application, and upcoming event expense/planning.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thomas thanked the meeting attendees and commented on topics discussed during the meeting. He requested that the board and residents work together on the planning of city events.

Mayor Thomas introduced the new Code Compliance Officer Mr. John Heitman to the residents.

Mayor Thomas informed the residents that candidate filing for the April 7, 2026 election will run from December 9—30, 2025 and residents who want to run for office can go the North West Plaza Board of Election office to file.

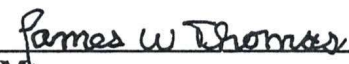
Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by Alderman Wiese and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to adjourn the meeting.

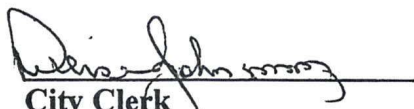
Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.


Mayor
James W. Thomas

ATTEST


City Clerk
Denise Johnson

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