

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

Wednesday December 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met for a special closed meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 via zoom.

Call to Order

Mayor Thomas presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Mayor Thomas requested a roll call. The following Alderpersons answered "Present":

Alderman Hester, Alderman Gillespie, Alderman Wiese, Alderman Harmon-Ward, Alderman Nunley, Alderman Dailes, and Alderman Smith. Seven aldermen were present. There was a quorum.

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

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to go into a closed meeting.

Motioned by Alderman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Harmon-Ward to go into a closed meeting pursuant to RSMo. Section 610.021 (1), (2), (3), and (9).

Mayor Thomas called for any questions—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

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

1st Order of Business Discussion/Action – Bellefontaine Court Reports/Issues

Mayor Thomas requested board discussion/action on the provided court reports from the Bellefontaine Neighbors Court Administrator and the Missouri Supreme Court Municipal Monitor on the state of the court system.

Motioned by Alderman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Smith to set the date for the upcoming town hall meeting to discuss the court system reports and a possible move to consolidate Bellefontaine Neighbors courts with the City of Ferguson's court system.

Mayor Thomas called for the vote. "Ayes" –all present, "Nays" –none. Motion passed.

After discussion the town hall meeting was set for Saturday, January 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The board noted that the first Thursday of 2026 is January 1st (the New Year Holiday) and requested a date change for the regular open board of aldermen meeting.

Motioned by Alderman Weise and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes to set the regular open and closed January board meetings date for Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Mayor Thomas called for any questions—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie “Yes”, Alderman Wiese “Yes”, Alderwoman Harmon-Ward "Yes", Alderwoman Dailes "Yes", Alderwoman Smith "Yes", Alderwoman Nunley “Yes”, and Alderwoman Hester “Yes”. The vote being seven "Yes" votes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Thomas called for a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and go into an open meeting. Alderwoman Nunley asked to be excused for a moment. Mayor Thomas approved the request.

Motioned by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to adjourn the closed meeting and go into an open meeting.

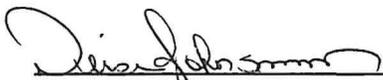
Mayor Thomas called for the question—none. Mayor Thomas called for the vote.

The Aldermen voted as follows: Alderman Gillespie “Yes”, Alderman Wiese “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 p.m.

ATTEST


Mayor
James W. Thomas


City Clerk
Denise Johnson

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