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July 20th Regular Session Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel Nor met in regular session on July 20th, 2026 at 8416 Natural Bridge Road, Bel Nor Missouri, 63121. Mayor Anna Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Aldersperson Capstick	x	
Aldersperson Brockschmitt	x	
Mayor Vogel	x	
Aldersperson Durand	x	
Aldersperson Days		x

Also present were City Clerk, Savannah Jones, Stephanie Karr, City Attorney, Public Works & Community Compliance Inspector, Luke Meyer, Paul Anderson, Police Chief, Nick Tobias, Police Captain, and Rachel St.Pierre, City Administrator.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

No minutes for presentation.

Presentations and Reports

Public Safety

Chief Paul Anderson and Captain Tobias of the St. John Police Department presented the monthly public-safety report.

During the preceding 30-day period, St. John Police reported approximately:

- 58 calls for service;
- 9 police reports;
- 1 traffic accident;
- 3 false alarms;
- 1 vehicle burglary;
- 1 property-damage report;
- 1 assault; and

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- 2 stealing reports.

Police representatives also provided an update concerning a recently reported incident involving a minor near Natural Bridge Road.

The Police Department reported that officers responded promptly, canvassed the surrounding area, sought witnesses and available video, conducted follow-up interviews, coordinated with surrounding jurisdictions, and increased patrol visibility in and around Bel Nor.

The investigation remained active. Police representatives explained that the Department was exercising caution in publicly releasing investigative information in order to protect the integrity of the investigation, avoid distributing inaccurate information, and respect the family of the minor involved.

Residents were encouraged to report relevant information directly to the Police Department.

The Board and Police Department discussed possible future use of public-safety camera systems.

Discussion included:

- License plate reader systems;
- Traditional video surveillance;
- Camera placement;
- Investigative uses;
- Data retention;
- Access controls;
- Privacy and legal considerations;
- Training requirements;
- Permitting and right-of-way issues;
- Potential costs;
- Coordination with MoDOT and utility providers;
- Camera limitations; and
- Potential alternatives, including increased police services.

Chief Anderson explained that license plate readers generally capture still images and vehicle information rather than continuous video and that St. John restricts use of its system to legitimate investigative purposes under established access and retention procedures.

The Police Department advised that different technologies serve different purposes and recommended further evaluation before selecting a system.

Following discussion, the Board directed City staff to begin preliminary exploration of public-safety camera options in coordination with the St. John Police Department. The preliminary review will include potential camera types,

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locations, operational requirements, legal and permitting considerations, estimated costs, and possible funding needs. Information gathered will be returned to the Board for further discussion as part of the strategic-planning and FY2027 budget-development process. No specific camera system, vendor, contract, or expenditure was approved at this time.

Alderman Capstick

Alderman Capstick discussed public-safety cameras and expressed support for investigating options for additional surveillance technology within Bel Nor.

Discussion of the subject was incorporated into the broader public-safety camera discussion with St. John Police Department.

Alderman Brockschmitt

Alderman Brockschmitt thanked residents who participated in the recent Chalk & Roll event.

He also reminded residents of the upcoming August 4 election and encouraged residents to review ballot questions carefully before voting.

Alderman Durand

Alderman Durand reported:

- Approximately 20 children from six families participated in the recent community event;
- Efforts continue to expand the City's resident email/contact list;
- Potential curb-cleaning or street-cleaning services may warrant future strategic-planning and budget discussion;
- A public informational meeting regarding nearby apartment development was scheduled for July 27; and
- Preliminary efforts continue regarding possible redevelopment or sale of the vacant restaurant property.

Alderman Days

Alderman Days encouraged residents to strengthen neighborhood connections and become familiar with their neighbors as part of community safety efforts.

Residents were also encouraged to:

- Report streetlight outages;
- Report dumping or trash concerns; and
- Maintain respectful communication during the election season.

City Administrator

City Administrator Rachel St. Pierre presented an operational report covering activity during June.

Code Enforcement

During June:

- 16 new code-enforcement cases were opened;
- 25 re-inspections were completed;
- 20 cases were brought into compliance and closed; and
- Approximately 10 additional resident contacts or follow-up actions were completed.

Common seasonal violations included tall grass and related property-maintenance concerns.

Permits and Inspections

During June:

- Approximately 20 permit or inspection applications were received;
- Approximately 14 plan reviews were completed; and
- Approximately 9 building or occupancy inspections were completed.

Applications included building construction, roofing, fencing, rental occupancy, owner-occupied occupancy, excavation, and related permits.

Staff continues to improve permit approval correspondence and internal tracking procedures.

Staffing

The City Administrator introduced two recent staff additions:

- **Luke Meyer**, Public Works and Community Compliance Inspector; and
- **Savannah Jones**, City Clerk.

During onboarding, Mr. Meyer is assisting with resident service requests, facility maintenance, Public Works projects, and field operations while completing additional training and learning City procedures.

Service-Request Tracking

The City has implemented a more structured internal service-request process to improve the assignment and tracking of resident concerns, Public Works requests, potholes, fallen limbs, and similar operational matters.

Rental and Vacant Property Programs

Staff continues organizing and improving the City's rental and vacant-property programs, including:

- Inspection tracking;
- Registration;
- Fees;
- Records; and

- Follow-up procedures.

The goal is to make the programs easier for residents and property owners to use while improving administrative tracking and compliance.

Communications and Online Services

The City Administrator reviewed several recently implemented or expanded public resources, including:

- Online and paper Report a Concern forms;
- A public community calendar;
- The Strategic Planning webpage;
- Online strategic-planning surveys; and
- Continued improvements to digital City services.

Upcoming Meetings

Residents were reminded of several upcoming meetings:

- Public Strategic Planning Session – Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Unity;
- Apartment Development Informational Meeting – Monday, July 27 at City Hall;
- Board Strategic Planning/Budget Work Session – August 4; and
- Next regular Board of Aldermen meeting – **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**, at the regular meeting time.

The apartment informational meeting was expected to include representatives from St. Louis County, St. John Police Department, and the developer. Residents were encouraged to submit questions in advance when possible.

Strategic Planning

The City continues developing its strategic and comprehensive planning process.

The next public session will focus on how Bel Nor currently operates and how municipal processes affect future priorities and projects.

Tree Board

The Tree Board is preparing an application for a Missouri Department of Conservation forestry grant.

Additional information will be brought to the Board as the application progresses.

Beautification & Engagement Committee

The Beautification & Engagement Committee is developing welcome bags for new residents and coordinating with City Hall regarding occupancy information needed for the program.

Staff and Volunteer Recognition

The City Administrator thanked City employees, contractors, elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteers for their recent work and community participation.

Treasurer's Report

The following approximate balances were reported:

- **General Fund:** \$911,360
- **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$79,219
- **Public Safety Fund:** \$10,773
- **Sewer Lateral Fund:** approximately \$21,000
- **Municipal Court:** approximately \$3,900
- **ARPA Funds:** approximately \$94,000
- **UMB Capital Project Account:** approximately \$89,000

The Board discussed continued financial planning and future use of available funds through the strategic-planning and budget-development process.

Business

Old Business

Motion and Vote: Tree Board Appointment

The Board considered the Tree Board's recommendation to appoint Stanford Griffin to an existing vacancy.

The Tree Board had reviewed applications and interviewed candidates, and Mr. Griffin attended a Tree Board meeting before the recommendation was submitted.

Motion:	Appoint Stanford Griffith to the Tree Board		
Moved By:	Alderson Durand		
Seconded By:	Alderson Brockschmitt		
Voice Vote:	Aye	Nay	
Alderson Capstick	x		
Alderson Brockschmitt	x		
Alderson Durand	x		
Alderson Days	x		
Motion: Passed			

First Reading and Discussion: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE INMATE HOUSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE COST FOR HOUSING PER TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD.

City Attorney Stephanie Karr explained that municipalities without their own detention facilities contract with St. Louis County for inmate housing when necessary.

St. Louis County increased the charge for inmate housing to approximately \$75 per 24-hour period or portion thereof, requiring an amendment to the existing agreement.

The Board conducted the first reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the City's inmate-housing agreement with St. Louis County.

Motion:	Conduct the first reading of the ordinance.		
Moved By:	Alderson Durand		
Seconded By:	Alderson Brockschmitt		
Voice Vote:	Aye	Nay	
Alderson Capstick	x		
Alderson Brockschmitt	x		
Alderson Durand	x		
Alderson Days	x		
Motion: Passed			

The ordinance was read for the first time.

No final action was taken. The ordinance was left pending for future consideration and public comment.

Public Comment

Residents discussed:

- Whether an existing bus stop/shelter near Delwin remains active and whether removal could be considered if it is no longer needed. Staff will verify the status and appropriate agency jurisdiction.
- Questions regarding items appearing on the August ballot, including the county use-tax proposal.
- Follow-up regarding previously reported playground equipment safety concerns.
- Public safety concerns following the recent incident involving a minor, including police response, increased patrols, public-safety cameras, license plate readers, video surveillance, and communication regarding ongoing safety initiatives.
- The City's employee background-check, fingerprinting, and onboarding procedures and the confidentiality of individual background-check records.
- Potential impacts of nearby apartment development on Normandy Schools Collaborative and student enrollment.
- A brush and property-maintenance concern currently being addressed through Code Enforcement.
- Whether Bel Nor has a designated emergency-management representative coordinating with regional emergency-management agencies. Staff will verify the City's current designation.
- Maintenance of sidewalks and pedestrian cut-throughs, including overgrown vegetation and possible future restoration or improvement of pedestrian connections.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested.

Motion:	Adjournment		
Moved By:	Alderson Capstick		
Seconded By:	Alderson Brockschmitt		
Voice Vote:	Aye	Nay	
Alderson Capstick	x		
Alderson Brockschmitt	x		
Alderson Durand	x		
Alderson Days	x		
Motion: Passed			

The meeting adjourned thereafter at 8:46 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF August, 2026.

Anna Vogel
Anna Vogel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Savannah Jones
Savannah Jones, City Clerk