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Agenda of the Board of Alderpersons of the City of Bel Nor

Regular Session | August 18th, 2026, 7:00 PM

8416 Natural Bridge Road 63121

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes
4. Presentations and Reports
5. Business
 - a. Old
 - i. **Second Reading:** 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
 - b. New
 - i. **Motion:** to Schedule a Special Session Regarding Prospective Lease of City-Owned Restaurant Property
 - ii. **Resolution:** Accepting Donations for the City of Bel Nor Tree Board and Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
 - iii. **Resolution:** Authorizing the City of Bel Nor to Enter into a Community Forestry Cost-Share Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment (closed session if required)

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City Administrator Report

August 2026

Good evening.

Over the past month, administration continued following up on July projects, meetings, resident concerns, and ongoing operational improvements. Below are the primary updates and items continuing into September.

Code Enforcement & Property Maintenance

During July, reported activity included:

- **New Cases/Initial Notices:** 31
- **Inspections/Re-Inspections:** 47
- **Cases Closed/Voluntary Compliance:** 8 reported
- **Cases Escalated:** 8
- **Warrants:** 0 reported
- **Resident Contacts/Education:** 5 reported

Common violations included grass and weeds, trash, and exterior property-maintenance concerns.

Staff continued updating iWorQ records, violation letters, and resident guidance to provide clearer code references, corrective actions, photographs when appropriate, and information about the enforcement process.

Permits & Development

During July, reported activity included:

- **Permit Applications Received:** 8
- **Plan Reviews Completed:** 6
- **Permit/Occupancy Inspections Completed:** 2
- **Additional Inspections Assigned or Scheduled:** 12

Staff continued updating iWorQ, applications, and internal procedures to improve consistency and provide clearer guidance to applicants.

Additional guidance was developed for common permit and inspection matters, including occupancy inspections, utility excavation, sidewalks, and residential generators.

Rental & Occupancy Program

Administration continued reorganizing the City's rental registration, inspection, and occupancy processes.

Work has included updating applications and public guidance, clarifying registration and Certificate of Occupancy requirements, establishing consistent iWorQ workflows, and developing procedures from application through inspection and certificate issuance.

Implementation and historical record cleanup will continue in preparation for the next annual rental-registration cycle.

Report a Concern & Resident Communication

The City developed a new **Report a Concern** process to provide residents with a consistent way to submit and document non-emergency concerns.

The process improves routing, follow-up, and recordkeeping and helps ensure concerns reach the appropriate City department or outside agency.

Additional public guidance will continue to clarify which concerns should be directed to City Hall, St. John Police, utilities, St. Louis County, MoDOT, or other agencies.

Apartment Development

The City held a Community Information Meeting on July 27 regarding the proposed apartment development outside Bel Nor.

Questions raised during the meeting and through the public survey were compiled and forwarded to appropriate stakeholders. Responses have been received from the **developer, St. Louis County, St. John Police Department, and Metro**. Additional responses remain pending.

Administration anticipates scheduling a **Special Session during the first two weeks of September** to provide a consolidated update, review the responses received, and identify any questions that remain outstanding.

Strategic & Comprehensive Planning

The **Board and the public have now completed their second strategic-planning meetings**.

Recent sessions have focused on how Bel Nor's government works, roles and responsibilities, the City's budget, Sunshine Law and public information, resident concerns, and how ideas and projects move through the City's decision-making process.

Information and feedback collected through these sessions and public surveys will continue to inform development of the State of Bel Nor Report and the City's Strategic and Comprehensive Plan.

Board Governance & Administrative Process

Administration continued developing clearer procedures for how projects and proposals move from preliminary research to formal Board consideration and action.

This includes clearer distinctions between discussion and formal Board direction, appropriate use of motions, resolutions, ordinances and contracts, and continued guidance regarding Sunshine Law and staff/elected-official responsibilities.

The goal is to create a consistent public record of Board decisions and reduce reliance on informal direction or assumptions about authorization.

Financial Administration

The Treasurer's August report shows the City remains generally within the anticipated pace of the FY2026 budget.

Approximately 63% of the fiscal year has elapsed. Current year-to-date activity shows:

- General Fund revenue: approximately 56% of budget collected
- General Fund expenditures: approximately 44% of budget used
- Capital Improvement revenue: approximately 53% collected, with approximately 32% of budgeted expenditures used
- Public Safety revenue: approximately 53% collected, with approximately 34% of budgeted expenditures used
- Sewer Lateral revenue: approximately 77% collected, with approximately 15% of budgeted expenditures used

Overall, revenues and expenditures remain within a manageable range for this point in the year, with General Fund expenditures continuing below the pace of the annual budget.

The Treasurer is also continuing to reconcile St. Louis County distributions so that Real Estate, Personal Property, Sewer Lateral, vehicle-related, and Debt Service revenues are recorded in the appropriate funds. Additional adjustments to the General Fund figures are expected once that work is complete.

Financial figures remain preliminary and subject to routine reconciliation, year-end closing, and audit.

Police & City Coordination

Administration continued coordinating with the St. John Police Department on several operational and resident concerns.

The City and Police Department have been working to better define the separation of responsibilities between **municipal code enforcement and law enforcement**, including when residents should contact City Hall versus the Police Department.

The City has also requested **additional speed-enforcement patrols** in response to resident complaints regarding speeding and traffic concerns.

Coordination has continued on resident safety concerns, appropriate public communication regarding active police matters, traffic enforcement, and ensuring City staff appropriately refer matters requiring law-enforcement response to St. John Police.

Trees & Community Forestry

The Tree Board continued pursuing Missouri Department of Conservation cost-share assistance for community forestry activities.

MDC has since approved up to **\$25,000 in cost-share funding** for critical-risk tree removal and replacement, tree-care supplies, and public education and outreach activities.

A resolution authorizing the MDC agreement is included on tonight's agenda.

The City also received two donations designated for Tree Board activities. A separate resolution accepting the donations and incorporating the additional funds into the FY2026 Budget is also included for consideration.

City-Owned Restaurant Property

During July, the City received an inquiry regarding potential restaurant use of the City-owned property at **8418 Natural Bridge Road**.

The City has since received a formal proposal from **Creole with a Splash of Soul, LLC** to lease and operate a restaurant at the property.

A motion is included on tonight's agenda requesting Board direction to schedule a Special Session for further consideration of the proposal and prospective lease. The motion does not approve a tenant or lease terms.

Upcoming Meetings & Community Events

The **Bel Nor Street Dance** will be held Saturday, **August 29 from 4:00–7:00 p.m.**

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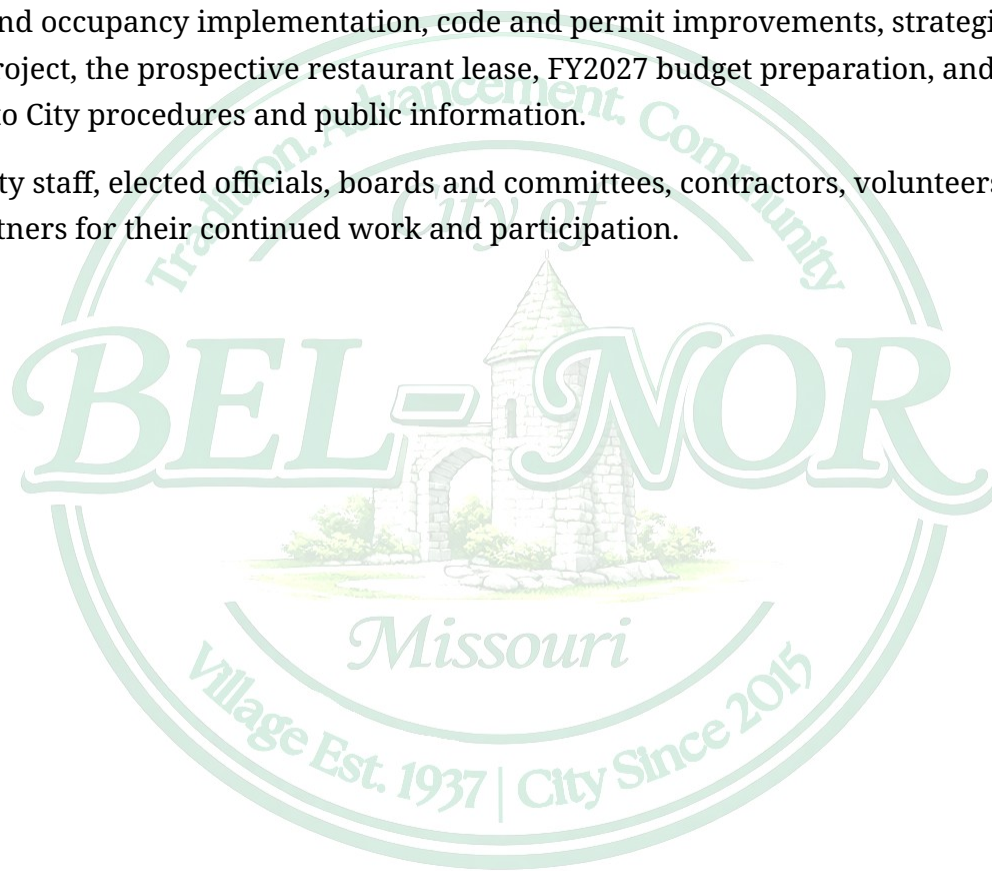
Administration anticipates scheduling an **Special Session** during the first two week of September to allow the board to discuss items such as the City-Owned Restaurant Property, follow up from the Apartment Development Meeting, and further discussion of Public Safety improvements.

Meeting notices and agendas will be posted as dates are finalized.

Looking Ahead

Over the next month, administration will continue focusing on apartment-development follow-up, vacant, rental and occupancy implementation, code and permit improvements, strategic planning, the MDC forestry project, the prospective restaurant lease, FY2027 budget preparation, and continued improvements to City procedures and public information.

Thank you to City staff, elected officials, boards and committees, contractors, volunteers, residents, and community partners for their continued work and participation.



Fund Balances (as of 6/30/2026)

	<u>Revenue</u>		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 39,082	\$ 385,755	\$ 689,150
Court Fines (1)	\$ 308	\$ 5,068	\$ 32,000
Capital Improvement	\$ 10,937	\$ 60,821	\$ 115,120
Sewer Lateral	\$ -	\$ 24,488	\$ 32,002
Public Safety	\$ 8,597	\$ 47,496	\$ 90,000
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 1,689	\$ 1
Capital Project	\$ 4	\$ 22	\$ 20
ARPA	\$ 94	\$ 94	\$ 25

	<u>Disbursements</u>		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
	\$ 66,748	\$ 245,821	\$ 553,067
	\$ -	\$ 19,479	\$ 56,975
	\$ 481	\$ 51,603	\$ 161,250
		\$ 2,900	\$ 20,000
	\$ -	\$ 11,208	\$ 32,500
	\$ -	\$ 91,708	\$ 95,070
	\$ 35	\$ 210	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Bank Balances

6/30/2026 8/17/2026

Gen Fund	\$ 959,209	\$ 1,009,867
Capital Improvement	\$ 79,219	\$ 79,220
Public Safety	\$ 10,773	\$ 10,773
Sewer Lateral	\$ 21,313	\$ 17,463
Court Fines	\$ 23,327	\$ 23,327
Municipal Court	\$ 3,924	\$ 3,924
Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve Savings	\$ -	\$ -
ARPA	\$ 94	\$ 94
UMB #2753 Capital Project	\$ 89,963	\$ 89,931
UMB #3739 Debt Service	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500

General Fund Due-To

Capital Improvement	\$ 185,224
Sewer Lateral	\$ 140,599
Public Safety	\$ 123,806

Debt Service	\$	3,860
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Notes

Capital Improvement

1. Capital Improvement income of \$10,935.94 was received in the General Fund on 6/5/26 and transferred to the Cap Imp bank account on 6/30/26.

ARPA

1. Received \$94 from the State of Missouri

General Fund

1. Corrected St. Louis County on deposit. As a result the RE taxes, PP taxes, Sewer Lateral and Auto Stickers have now been broken out.

Sewer Lateral Fund

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Debt Service

1. Received bank statement. Only entry was interest of \$0.27.

Public Safety

1. Received bank statement. Only entry was interest of \$0.02.

Courts

1. None to report.

I am still working on the St. Louis County deposits. I was able to get the breakdown of Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes, Sewer lateral taxes, and the General Fund taxes. I am still trying to find where we get the Debt Service figures. Hopefully this will be found prior to the September meeting. This will adjust the General Fund figure.

Treasurer's Report approved as submitted (pending audit) on _____, _____

TD

ED

RB

MC

Mayor

Bel-Nor Police Activity Report

July 20 – Aug. 17

Monthly Overview

Activity Snapshot

- Calls for service: 51
- Reports: 4
- Traffic stops and citations: 14 stops / 0 tickets based on court switchover
- Arrests: 1 (Robbery)
- Domestic Disturbance: 1 (between brothers)
- Sick Cases: 7
- Traffic accidents: 1 (No Injuries)
- Serious crimes: 1 (Robbery, cleared by arrest)

Notable Activity

- Officers responded to a “Robbery” call involving a pizza delivery driver. Investigation led officers to the residence and to the arrest of an adult male subject inside that residence. Warrants issued through STLCO PA’s Office.
- Officers responded to a missing adult call. Subject was apparently in the basement the entire time.
- Officers responded to a “Burglary in Progress” call. Investigation determined it was a realtor at the wrong house.
- Officers responded to a “Suspicious Person” call in the 3000 block of Arlmont for a subject walking between houses. Subject told caller they do lawn work but didn’t have equipment. 5-minute delay in the call. Subject was not located.
- Officers responded for a “Property Damage” report on a gate that the caller stated someone tried to pry open.
- Routine traffic enforcement was conducted throughout the neighborhood, including Natural Bridge. Multiple stops resulted in “warnings” due to court switchover.

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M26-002

I move to direct the City Administrator to schedule a Special Session of the Board of Aldermen for further consideration and discussion of the proposal submitted by Creole with a Splash of Soul, LLC for the prospective lease of the City-owned restaurant property located at 8418 Natural Bridge Road.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Anna Vogel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Savannah Jones, City Clerk

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Meeting Date: 8.18.2026

Agenda Item Title: M26-002 Prospective Lease of City Owned Restaurant Proeprty

Department: Administration

Prepared By: Rachel St.Pierre

Date Prepared: 8.13.26

Decision Type: ☐ Information Only ☐ Discussion ☐ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Contract Approval ☒ Motion

Purpose / Requested Action

Approve a motion directing the City Administrator to schedule a Special Session of the Board of Aldermen for further consideration and discussion of a proposal received for the prospective lease and operation of the City-owned restaurant property located at 8418 Natural Bridge Road.

The requested action does not approve a tenant, lease, lease terms, or other contractual commitment. It only provides formal Board direction to proceed with further consideration of the proposal at a Special Session..

Scope of This Agenda Item

This agenda item is limited to determining whether the Board wishes to proceed with further consideration of the proposal through a Special Session.

Detailed consideration of potential lease terms, including rental rate, lease duration, responsibilities of the parties, improvements, financial terms, and the City's negotiating position, is not proposed for action as part of this agenda item.

If the motion is approved, a Special Session will be scheduled and separately noticed in accordance with applicable meeting requirements. Portions of that meeting concerning negotiation of a lease of City-owned real property may be conducted in closed session as permitted by Missouri law.

Summary

The City has received a proposal from Creole with a Splash of Soul, LLC, owned by Ronda R. Walker, expressing interest in establishing a restaurant at the City-owned property located at 8418 Natural Bridge Road.

The proposal describes a smaller, neighborhood-oriented restaurant featuring Creole and Southern cuisine and identifies an anticipated seating capacity of approximately 20 guests. The proposed concept also contemplates takeout/delivery service, outdoor signage, and potential cocktails subject to obtaining appropriate licensing. The applicant identifies approximately \$20,000 in anticipated start-up costs and a projected opening in late fall 2026.

The submission includes information regarding the applicant's prior restaurant operations and experience, proposed menu and restaurant concept, business documentation, prior licensing and occupancy documentation, and financial information.

Because consideration of a prospective lease will require more detailed discussion of the property, proposed use, responsibilities of the parties, financial terms, and potential lease conditions, administration recommends that the Board conduct that review during a dedicated Special Session rather than attempting to negotiate or evaluate the proposal during the Regular Session..

Background

The City owns the restaurant property located at 8418 Natural Bridge Road.

The City has received an unsolicited proposal from Creole with a Splash of Soul, LLC expressing interest in leasing the property and operating a restaurant at the location.

The applicant's materials describe prior operation of Creole with a Splash of Soul in the City of St. Louis and include documentation relating to prior restaurant operations, permits, food-service inspections, business licensing, and other supporting materials.

At this stage, administration has not negotiated or agreed to lease terms on behalf of the City.

The purpose of the requested motion is to obtain formal direction from the Board regarding whether it wishes to advance the proposal for detailed consideration.

Budget Impact

No immediate budget impact.

Approval of the motion does not authorize an expenditure, establish a rental rate, approve financial concessions, or otherwise financially obligate the City.

Any potential financial impact associated with a future lease - including rental revenue, City-funded improvements, maintenance responsibilities, utilities, insurance requirements, or other financial terms - would be evaluated as part of subsequent lease discussions and presented to the Board as appropriate before final approval.

Operational Impact

Approval will direct the City Administrator to coordinate and notice a Special Session of the Board of Aldermen for further consideration of the prospective lease.

Administration may also coordinate with the City Attorney and prospective tenant as necessary to assemble information required for the Board's review.

No lease negotiations, commitments, expenditures, or authorization to occupy the property are created by approval of this motion..

Alternatives Considered

Option 1 – Schedule a Special Session (Recommended)

Direct the City Administrator to schedule a dedicated Special Session for detailed consideration of the proposal and prospective lease.

Option 2 – Discuss at a Future Regular Session

Place the matter on a future Regular Session agenda for further consideration.

Option 3 – Take No Further Action

Decline to advance the proposal for additional consideration at this time.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the motion directing the City Administrator to schedule a Special Session.

A dedicated meeting will allow the Board sufficient time to evaluate the proposal, discuss the City's objectives for the property, consider potential lease terms, and provide formal direction regarding whether and under what conditions negotiations should proceed.

Attachments

Creole with a Splash of Soul, LLC – Proposal for 8418 Natural Bridge Road

Motion



Request for Proposal

Ronda R. Walker

1209 Washington

Unit #210

St. Louis, MO 63103

314.537.1718

Development of "Creole with a Splash of Soul"

An Intimate Neighborhood Dining Experience

Project Location: 8418 Natural Bridge Road St. Louis, Missouri Issued By: Creole with a Splash of Soul Inc.

Executive Summary

Creole with a Splash of Soul, Inc. is seeking location to develop a smaller, highly curated version of Creole with a Splash of Soul. Unlike a large full-service restaurant, this concept is envisioned as a neighborhood destination offering elevated Creole and Southern comfort food in an intimate, warm, and stylish setting where guests feel like family. The goal is to create a restaurant that becomes known for exceptional food, outstanding hospitality, and a memorable dining experience while operating efficiently within a smaller footprint.

Summary of Experience and Qualification

Ronda R. Walker is the owner of Creole with a Splash of Soul, a St. Louis-based culinary business dedicated to serving authentic Creole cuisine with Southern influences. She brings entrepreneurial leadership, customer service expertise, and operational oversight to the business, with exp Ronda R. Walker is the owner of Creole with a Splash of Soul, a St. Louis-based culinary business dedicated to serving authentic Creole cuisine with Southern influences. She brings entrepreneurial leadership, customer service expertise, and operational oversight to the business, with experience managing day-to-day restaurant operations, menu development, food preparation, vendor coordination, inventory management, and customer engagement. As a business owner, Ms. Walker oversees strategic planning, budgeting, purchasing, marketing, quality control, and staff coordination while maintaining a strong commitment to hospitality and consistent food quality. Her vision is to create a welcoming neighborhood dining experience that celebrates the rich culinary traditions of Creole cooking while serving the local community with excellence. Summary of Previous or Current Business Ventures Ronda R. Walker is the founder and owner of Creole with a Splash of Soul, a food service business focused on authentic Creole and Southern-inspired cuisine. Through this venture, she has developed the brand, menu concept, and operational framework with an emphasis on quality food, exceptional customer service, and community engagement. Her current business efforts are centered on expanding the Creole with a Splash of Soul concept into a permanent intimate restaurant

location at 8418 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri, creating a destination that combines authentic flavors, warm hospitality, and efficient operations in a neighborhood setting. If Ms. Walker has owned or operated other businesses, restaurants, catering companies, or food-service ventures, those can be added to strengthen this section with specific dates, roles, and accomplishments. Experience managing day-to-day restaurant operations, menu development, food preparation, vendor coordination, inventory management, and customer engagement.

As a business owner, Ms. Walker oversees strategic planning, budgeting, purchasing, marketing, quality control, and staff coordination while maintaining a strong commitment to hospitality and consistent food quality. Her vision is to create a welcoming neighborhood dining experience that celebrates the rich culinary traditions of Creole cooking while serving the local community with excellence.

Summary of Previous or Current Business Ventures

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Vision

Creole with a Splash of Soul will blend:

- * Authentic Louisiana Creole cuisine
- * Southern comfort classics
- * Contemporary presentation
- * Neighborhood hospitality
- * Jazz-inspired atmosphere
- * Upscale casual dining
- * Cocktails (will obtain liquor license) See projected menu for options

*outdoor smoking

The restaurant should feel like a hidden gem comfortable enough for regulars while impressive enough for special occasions.

Start-up Costs:

\$20,000.00

Projected Opening:

Late fall 2026

Project Objectives

The selected team will design a restaurant that includes: * Seating for approximately 20 guests

- * Comfortable waiting area
- * Small hostess station
- * Open dining room with excellent visibility
- * Efficient commercial kitchen
- * Carryout order station
- * Delivery pickup area
- * ADA accessibility
- * Outdoor signage
- * Attractive storefront

Desired Design Style The atmosphere should include:

- * Warm woods
- * Black accents
- * Brass or gold fixtures
- * Exposed brick where possible
- * Soft lighting
- * New Orleans-inspired artwork

STATE OF MISSOURI



John R. Ashcroft
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS,

CREOLE WITH A SPLASH OF SOUL LLC
LC1745731

filed its amended Articles of Organization with this office and WHEREAS that filing was found to conform to the Missouri Limited Liability Company Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, by virtue of authority vested in me by law do hereby certify and declare that the above entity's Articles of Organization are amended.

Effective Date: January 27, 2021

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, the 27th day of January, 2021.


Secretary of State



- * Live greenery
- * Comfortable booths
- * Intimate tables
- * Jazz-inspired décor
- * Modern Creole elegance

Kitchen Requirements

The kitchen should be designed for maximum efficiency and include space for:

- * Fry station
- * Flat top grill
- * Range
- * Oven
- * Steam table
- * Prep tables
- * Walk-in cooler or reach-in refrigeration
- * Freezer
- * Dishwashing area
- * Dry storage
- * Employee handwashing stations
- * Food packaging area for takeout

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Charlie's Gumbo 14.99-Shrimp, Sausage, chicken, green peppers, onions, Rice (Served with Creole corn Bread)

Sandwiches

Lettuce, pickle, tomatoes, onions, house Cajun mayo

Po Boy /fries

Cajun Philly/fries

Chicken 12.99

Steak 14.99

Shrimp 16.99

Louisiana Steak Sandwich 15.99

Creole Cajun chicken sandwich/fries 14.99

ENTREES

Ronda's shrimp and Grits -17.99

Creole Catfish topped with shrimp and creole sauce On Bed of dirty Rice 18.99.

Catfish Dinner with 2 sides 14.99

Cajun Ribeye 2 sides/ 10 Oz 20.99

New York steak Lobster Tail -2 sides/ 16 oz 28 .99

Lamb chops 12oz 2sides/39.99

Grilled Salmon 10oz 2/sides 22.00

Grilled Salmon, Grits, topped with greens. 24.00

Creole meets soul sides. 4.50

Sweet potato fries

Cajun fries

Baked potato -Butter Sour cream, cheese, Beacon, chives

Cajun Street corn

Broccoli

Brussel sprouts

Asparagus

MENU

APPETIZERS

Courtney's WINGS

Cajun Rub

Sweet chili

Honey garlic lime

Traditional hot

5 PIECE - 8.99

10 PIECE- 12.99

IKE'S Gator bites- 1lb 13.99 (seasonal)

Casey's CRAB DIP/HOME MADE CHIPS 12.99

FRIED OKRA 10 oz 10.00

Fried green tomatoes Cajun Remoulade sauce – 8.99 (seasonal)

Jumbo Creole shrimp- 6 piece 12.99

Mozzarella sticks/Marinera sauce - 6 piece 9.99

Ravioli crab meat/creole sauce -6 piece 11.99

Sam's Blackened chicken Nacho – 13.99

Boudin Balls – (4) -crawfish, dirty rice creole sauce -12.99

Soup /Salads

Cobb salad 12.99 -Beacon, cucumbers, Blue cheese, tomatoes, onions, egg

Grilled Blackened chicken Caesar salad 13.99

Cajun corn soup 6.99 -Corn, Andouille sausage, green peppers, green onions (creole corn bread)

Louisiana bean soup- 6.99 Northern Beans, onion, carrots, celery, ham shanks, (creole corn bread)

Pasta

(add salmon to any pasta 6.99)

(add Turkey leg to any Pasta 5.99)

Cajun pasta chicken or shrimp 18.99

Veggie Pasta-Tomatoes, Broccoli, Zucchini, mushrooms 13.99

Seafood Boil-Garlic butter or Cajun

2 cluster crab ½ pound shrimp corn, potatoes, Andouille sausage, Crawfish, 2 boiled eggs 29.99

3 clusters, 1 ½ pound of shrimp, corn, potatoes, Andouille sausage, crawfish, 3 boiled eggs 49.99

Additional Seafood Boil Items

1 pound crab legs (market price)

1-pound shrimp (market price)

1 pound of crawfish (market price)

Andouille Sausage 3.99

Corn 2.99

Dessert Menu

Chocolate Fudge Brownie/Ice cream 5.00

Cheesecake strawberry toppings 5.00

Maple Beacon Crunch Ice Cream topped with Carmel & Whipped cream-2 Fried Golden Oreos 5.99.

Creole BBQ (Fridays Only)

St. Louis Style BBQ ribs ½ 15.00 whole 26.00

BB's Smokes Brisket

40z 7.00

½ pound 15.00

Full pound 18.00

Polish 5.00

Brawt 6.00

Smoked Turkey legs 10.00

Potato salad

Desert (Friday only)

Devin's Fried Twinkie &Vanilla Ice cream

Brunch (Saturdays Only 11-2)

Chicken or catfish with waffles 13.99

Shrimp and Grits 10oz 13.99

Biscuit and Gravy 12.99

Eggs 3.00

Beacon (Pork or Turkey) 2.79

Sausage (Pork or Turkey) 3.00

Smothered Potatoes 3.00

Fresh fruit 2.50

Waffles 4.00

French toast/powder sugar 4.00

Blue berry /walnut muffins

Mimosa -add any juice 7.00.

Blueberry Walnut Muffin

Orange Juice

Cranberry Juice

Pineapple juice

Apple juice

Milk

Coffee

Soul food (Sunday Only)

2 sides & cornbread

Fried chicken, Baked chicken, Smothered Chicken 14.99

Ox Tails 19.99

Turkey 12.99

Meatloaf 21.99

Pork chops/gravy 13.99

Fried Pork chops 12.99

Liver and Onions 11.99

Pot Roast 14.99

Soul food Sides

Baked Macaroni cheese

Mash Potatoes

Mixed greens/smoked turkey

Yams

Dressing (cranberry Sauce)

White rice

Corn

Sunday Dessert's

Peach Cobbler

Regina's Sweet Potato Pie

CERTIFICATE

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COMPLETION

Ronda Walker

has successfully passed the exam required to meet the standard set forth for the

Food Protection Manager

which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) - Conference for Food Protection (CFP)

Certificate Number : 1695031

Completed Date :	2022-9-19	Expired Date :	2027-9-19
Learner reference :	137443	Proctor Name :	Monica Moore
Exam Form Number :	63	Exam Location :	St Louis, MO



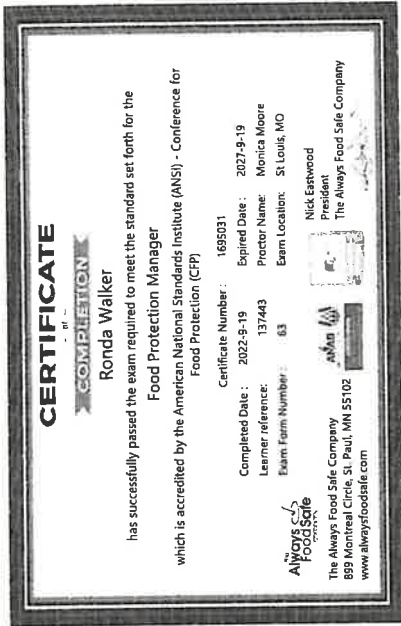
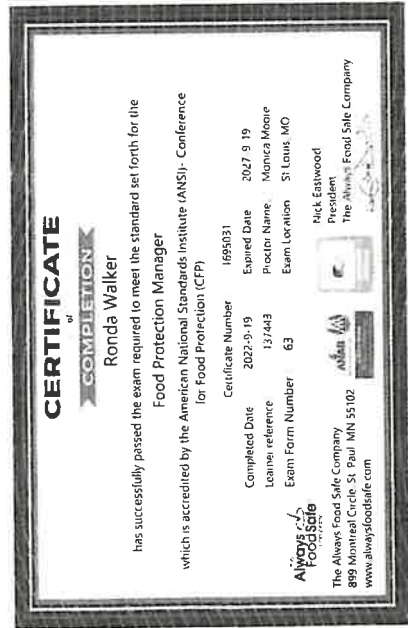
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Black businesses are rising, and three St. Louis women are helping drive that growth
St. Louis Public Radio | By [Andrea Y. Henderson](#)
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At the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, Ronda Walker worked as the nursing director at a nursing home in the St. Louis region. Walker soon began planning her exit strategy, because she could not face seeing clients die and nursing staff fall seriously ill. The final straw was the day she suffered a stroke in early summer 2020.

During recovery, the north St. Louis County native spent time wondering what she would do next. In November 2020, Walker purchased a building in the Grove neighborhood that she now calls Creole with a Splash of Soul restaurant.

But opening a Creole-Southern eatery during a public health crisis and an economic downturn was not easy. Walker could not obtain bank financing.

"I was told that the restaurant industry was pretty much ravaged ... especially with the COVID pandemic and all the closings, so it just was not much out there to get," Walker said. Walker used about \$30,000 of her personal savings and about \$10,000 in family loans to start her business.

For many Black entrepreneurs, acquiring capital from lenders or private investors is their biggest hurdle in running a successful business. That has made it harder for Black business owners to keep their doors open.



Brian Munoz

St. Louis Public Radio
Creole with a Splash of Soul owner Ronda R. Walker, right, talks to her assistant Walter Wiley in the kitchen while making Cajun shrimp pasta, one of her signature dishes. She decided to open the restaurant after working as a nurse during the pandemic and deciding she wanted to follow her true passion — cooking



Brian Munoz

St. Louis Public Radio
Some of Ronda Walker's signature dishes include fried green tomatoes, shrimp and grits and fried catfish.

According to researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz, the number of Black-owned businesses has increased by about 30% nationwide since before the pandemic — and Black women are behind that growth.

Some days Creole with a Splash of Soul welcomes a heavy flow of traffic, and other days business is light. To make sure the doors stay open and her employees are paid, Walker sometimes picks up nursing shifts.

"Every single dollar that I earned as a nurse, I put back into my business," Walker said.

Walker has been serving Creole shrimp and creamy grits, seasoned fried catfish and Cajun chicken pasta since May 2021.

The business brought in about \$270,000 in seven months.

Black women often are heads of households, and they are shifting from working in industries where they make less than their counterparts into running their own businesses, said Gisele Marcus, diversity, equity and inclusion professor at Washington University in St. Louis.



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Meeting Date: 8.18.2026

Agenda Item Title: Resolution 26-008 Accepting donations for the Tree Board and amending the budget

Department: Administration

Prepared By: Rachel St.Pierre

Date Prepared: 8.13.26

Decision Type: ☐ Information Only ☐ Discussion ☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Contract Approval

Purpose / Requested Action

Pass a resolution formally accepting two donations made for the benefit of the City of Bel Nor Tree Board and amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to recognize the additional revenue and corresponding expenditure authority.

Scope of This Agenda Item

This item addresses only the acceptance and appropriate accounting of two donations designated for Tree Board purposes.

The requested action formally accepts the donations, recognizes the additional revenue within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, and increases the amount authorized for Tree Board expenditures by the total amount donated.

Summary

The City of Bel Nor has received two donations intended to support the activities of the City's Tree Board:

Donor Amount

Peeno \$1,000.00

Siemer \$500.00

Total \$1,500

The adopted Fiscal Year 2026 Budget currently includes \$2,500 for Tree Board expenditures.

Because these donations provide additional resources specifically for Tree Board activities, the proposed resolution formally accepts the donations and amends the FY2026 Budget to recognize the additional revenue and increase the amount authorized for Tree Board expenditures by the same amount.

Background

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget established a Tree Board expenditure line of \$2,500 within the General Fund.

Since adoption of the budget, the City has received two additional donations designated for Tree Board purposes.

Formal acceptance and recognition of the donations provides a clear record of the source and intended use of the funds and allows the additional funds to be incorporated into the City's FY2026 financial records and expenditure authority.

Budget Impact

Current FY2026 Tree Board Budget: \$2,500

Additional Donation Revenue: \$1,500.00

Proposed Increase in Tree Board Expenditure Authority: \$1,500.00

Amended FY2026 Tree Board Budget: \$2,500 + \$1,500

The proposed amendment increases both available resources and authorized expenditures by the amount donated. Therefore, the action does not require the use of existing General Fund revenues to support the additional Tree Board expenditures.

Operational Impact

Approval will authorize administration to properly record the donations and make the necessary FY2026 budget and accounting entries.

The donated funds will be available for Tree Board purposes consistent with the intent of the donations and the City's normal purchasing and expenditure procedures.

Alternatives Considered

Option 1 – Approve the Resolution (Recommended)

Accept both donations and amend the FY2026 Budget to recognize the additional revenue and expenditure authority.

Option 2 – Do Not Approve the Resolution

Do not formally accept or incorporate the donations into the FY2026 Budget at this time.

Staff Recommendation

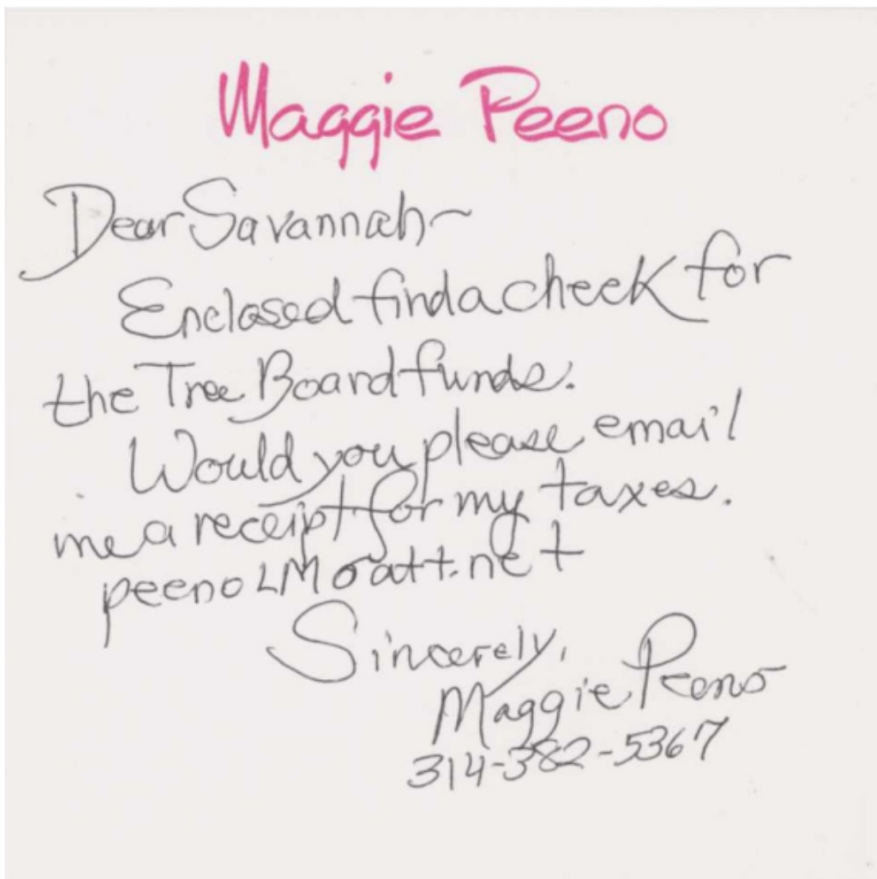
Staff recommend approval of the resolution accepting the two Tree Board donations and amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget accordingly.

Attachments

Resolution

Documentation of donations included in this memo as Exhibit A

Exhibit A



July 2, 2026

Ms. White:

The enclosed check represents a personal community donation from Susie and me, with the funds in their entirety intended for direct support of the Bel Nor Tree Board. I am told by Dan Riley that you could make sure that the funds are earmarked appropriately and made available as soon as possible to support Tree Board projects. To that end, as advised by Mr. Riley, we have labeled the check "Tree Board" on its memorandum line.

Our thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Susie & Paul Sierner
2961 Hatherly Drive
Bel Nor, MO 63121

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R26-008

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BEL NOR TREE BOARD AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Bel Nor recognizes the value of maintaining and improving the City's public trees and urban forest; and

WHEREAS, the City has received the following donations for the benefit of the City of Bel Nor Tree Board and its activities:

Peeno Family - \$1,000.00

Siemer Family - \$500.00

for a total of **\$1,500.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desires to formally accept these donations and ensure that the donated funds are accounted for and available for expenditure for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget currently provides an appropriation for Tree Board expenditures, and the acceptance of these donations provides additional revenue available to support those activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BEL NOR, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Acceptance of Donations.

The Board of Aldermen hereby accepts the donations identified above, totaling **\$1,500**, for the benefit and activities of the City of Bel Nor Tree Board.

Section 2. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is hereby amended to recognize **\$1,500** in additional donation revenue and to increase the amount authorized for expenditure for Tree Board purposes by **\$1,500**.

Section 3. Restricted Purpose.

The donated funds shall be used for Tree Board purposes consistent with the intent of the donations and applicable City policies and procedures.

Section 4. Administration.

The City Administrator and other appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to make the necessary accounting entries and take such administrative actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date.

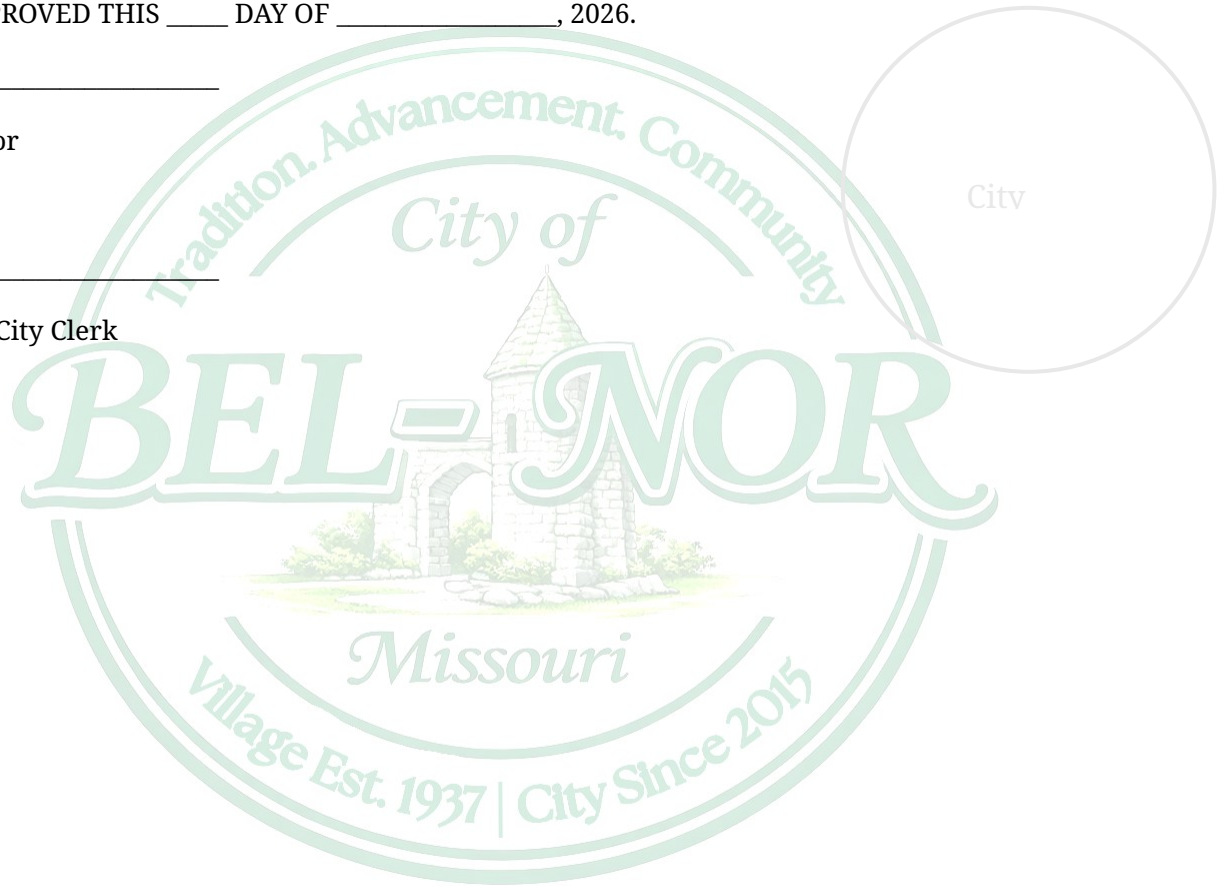
This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Anna Vogel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Savannah Jones, City Clerk



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Meeting Date: 8.18.2026

Agenda Item Title: Resolution 26-009 MDC Cost Share Agreement

Department: Administration

Prepared By: Rachel St.Pierre

Date Prepared: 8.13.26

Decision Type: ☐ Information Only ☐ Discussion ☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Contract Approval

Purpose / Requested Action

Pass a resolution authorizing the City of Bel Nor to enter into a Community Conservation Cost Share Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for a community forestry project and authorizing the City Administrator to execute and administer the agreement on behalf of the City.

MDC has approved cost share funding of up to \$25,000 for the project.

Scope of This Agenda Item

This item is limited to authorization of the City's participation in the MDC cost-share program and execution of the associated agreement.

Approval authorizes the City Administrator to sign the agreement and complete the administrative documentation necessary to administer the project and seek reimbursement in accordance with MDC requirements.

This action does not authorize material changes to the project scope or materially increased financial obligations beyond those contemplated by the approved agreement and project plan..

Summary

The Missouri Department of Conservation has approved a Community Conservation Cost Share allocation for the City of Bel Nor to complete several community forestry activities.

The approved project includes:

Removal of 10 critical-risk trees and required replacement plantings;

Tree-care education and outreach materials, including a community mailer, yard signs, and tree tags; and

Tree-care supplies supporting volunteer planting and watering activities.

MDC has approved a 90% cost-share rate, with total MDC reimbursement capped at \$25,000. The project plan estimates approximately \$34,026.74 in reimbursable project costs.

The proposed resolution authorizes execution of the agreement so that eligible project activities may begin and ultimately qualify for reimbursement.

Background

The City's Tree Board works to maintain and improve Bel Nor's community forest through tree planting, maintenance, education, outreach, and partnerships with outside organizations.

The FY2027 Community Forestry Project Plan was developed in coordination with MDC Community Forester Evan Parker to expand the City's capacity for this work.

MDC approved the City's allocation on August 12, 2026. The Cost Share Request/Agreement provides for a maximum of \$25,000 in MDC funding.

The associated Project Plan establishes the project specifications and conditions for reimbursement. Importantly, only expenses accrued and activities completed after the agreement is signed are eligible as project costs..

Budget Impact

The agreement provides reimbursement at 90% of eligible total project costs, up to a maximum MDC reimbursement of \$25,000 and not exceeding eligible reimbursable costs.

The Project Plan currently estimates:

Estimated reimbursable project costs: \$34,026.74

Maximum MDC reimbursement: \$25,000.00

Because this is a reimbursement-based program, the City will incur eligible project expenses before receiving reimbursement from MDC.

Any necessary budget amendments or appropriations associated with implementation of the project will be presented and/or recorded in accordance with the City's budget and financial procedures..

Operational Impact

The project creates several implementation and reporting requirements for the City.

Among them, the City must:

Remove the identified critical-risk trees by March 31, 2027;

Plant two qualifying replacement trees for each tree removed;

Complete replacement planting before reimbursement;
Obtain MDC approval of final education/outreach materials before purchase;
Complete at least two publicity measures recognizing the program;
Maintain the project for five years;
Submit required invoices, receipts, planting/removal documentation, staff or volunteer match documentation, and publicity evidence; and
Submit final project documentation by May 1, 2027.

The City Administrator will coordinate administration of the agreement and required documentation with the Tree Board and MDC.

Alternatives Considered

Option 1 – Approve the Resolution (Recommended)

Authorize participation in the MDC cost-share program, execution of the agreement, and administration of the approved project.

Option 2 – Do Not Approve the Resolution

Decline to execute the agreement and proceed with the approved MDC cost-share project at this time..

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the resolution authorizing the City to enter into the Missouri Department of Conservation Community Conservation Cost Share Agreement and authorizing the City Administrator to execute and administer the agreement on behalf of the City.

Attachments

MDC Cost Share Request/Agreement
FY2027 Bel Nor Community Forestry Project Plan
Resolution

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R26-009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEL NOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY CONSERVATION COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Bel Nor seeks to maintain and improve the health, safety, and sustainability of its community forest; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation (“MDC”) administers the Landowner and Community Assistance Program Community Conservation Cost Share Program to provide financial assistance for eligible community forestry activities; and

WHEREAS, MDC and the City have developed a Community Forestry Project Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 providing for the removal and replacement of critical-risk trees, tree-care education and outreach materials, and tree-care supplies; and

WHEREAS, MDC has approved an allocation of cost-share assistance to the City in an amount not to exceed **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)**, subject to the terms and conditions of the Cost Share Request/Agreement and associated Project Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that participation in the program is in the best interest of the City and desires to authorize the City to enter into the Cost Share Request/Agreement with MDC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BEL NOR, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorization of Agreement.

The City of Bel Nor is hereby authorized to enter into the Missouri Department of Conservation Landowner and Community Assistance Program Cost Share Request/Agreement for the Community Forestry Project described in the agreement and associated Fiscal Year 2027 Community Forestry Project Plan, with MDC cost-share assistance not to exceed **\$25,000.00**.

Section 2. Authorization of City Administrator.

The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Cost Share Request/Agreement on behalf of the City of Bel Nor and to execute and submit such administrative documents, reimbursement

requests, reports, certifications, and other documentation as may be reasonably necessary to administer and complete the project in accordance with the approved agreement and Project Plan.

Section 3. Project Compliance.

The City shall perform the project in accordance with the terms, conditions, specifications, deadlines, maintenance requirements, and reporting requirements contained in the Cost Share Request/Agreement and Community Forestry Project Plan.

Section 4. Material Changes.

Any material change to the scope of the project or any amendment to the agreement that materially increases the City's financial obligation or otherwise requires approval of the Board of Aldermen shall be presented to the Board for approval.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Anna Vogel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Savannah Jones, City Clerk

COST SHARE REQUEST / AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MO DEPT. OF CONSERVATION (MDC),

Organization Name: City of Bel-Nor			
Address: 8416 Natural Bridge Rd			
City: St. Louis	State: MO	Zip: 63121	Phone(s): 314-381-2834
County: St. Louis	Township: Land	Range: Grant	Section: 02570

Practice / Components	Project Number	Units Planned	Unit Type	Cost Share Rate	Maintenance (years)	Partner Funding Requested	MDC Funding Requested	Units Completed (acres, feet, etc.)	Unit Type	Partner Funding Earned	MDC Funding Earned
Purchase of Tree-care Education Materials	900.B.6	1.00	Each	90%	5	0.00	2417.53				
Removal of Critical Risk Trees	900.B.8	10.00	Each	90%	5	0.00	21645.00				
Other activities not specifically listed	900.B.12	1.00	Each	90%	5	0.00	937.47				
Totals						\$0.00	\$25,000.00			\$0.00	\$0.00

Attach Plan(If program requires)

Community Conservation: Community Conservation Tier 2 (Regional Funding Increase, 90%) Bat Plan: MDC Bat No-Take

I request cost share assistance to install the above-described practice(s). If funded, I agree to maintain the practice(s) for the specified maintenance length for each practice listed above, and I agree to refund all or part of the cost share assistance paid to me if before the expiration of the specified practice lifespan, I (a) fail to satisfactorily maintain the practice, (b) destroy the approved practice, or (c) voluntarily relinquish control or title to the land on which the approved practice(s) has been established and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not maintain the practice for the remainder of its lifespan, whether or not the new owner agrees to maintain the practice.

I further understand that failure to comply with this agreement may make me ineligible for participation in future MDC cost share programs. Failed practices due to causes beyond the landowner's control (e.g. drought, flood, etc..) as determined by the resource planner are considered "no-fault" terminated pending available funding, landowner is eligible to re-establish failed practice as a new practice, with all documentation and timelines reinitiated.

I certify that the funds requested above do not duplicate (although they may be used in conjunction or "piggybacked" with) funds provided by other state or federal cost share practices and that multiple program enrollment on the same acre(s) will be for complimentary purposes.

In signing this form (spouses should co-sign), I (we) attest and confirm sole legal ownership of the property where these practices will be implemented, or can legally represent the ownership (MDC POA form required) for the purpose of entering into this contract to implement these practices and accept payment on behalf of all owners.

By entering into this agreement, the landowner will follow the policies outlined in the MDC Guidelines for defining LCAP practices that are reasonably certain to not cause incidental take of indiana bats, northern long-eared bats, gray bats, or tricolored bats'. If funded (1) Landowner will implement the planned practice consistent with the practice specifications provided within the site-specific management plan. (2) Landowner will allow MDC staff to inspect the practice as needed to confirm the practice has been implemented as described in the site-specific management plan which includes implementing the project during the specified dates. (3). Landowner acknowledges that compliance with the practice implementation requirements included within the site-specific management plan is a condition of the agreement and failure to comply will constitute a violation of the agreement. Depending on the scale and nature of the violation, MDC may choose to not reimburse the landowner for cost-share seek reimbursement, through legal means if necessary, of any funds granted to the landowner under this agreement.

Allocation Approved(MDC):	Erin Shank	Date:	08/12/2026
Landowner Signature:		Date:	
Practices Completed:		Date:	
Payment Approved:		Date:	

Organization: City of Bel-Nor		
Region: St. Louis	Planner Name: Evan Parker	
Amount of Payment: \$0.00	WPI Number: 352	Org Code: DCE000
Object Code Number: 3403	Appropriation: 6051	



Missouri Department of Conservation

Landowner and Community Assistance Program

Community Forestry Project Plan FY27

Cooperator:

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E: aevers@beyondhousing.org

Prepared by:

Evan Parker
Community Forester
Phone: 314-301-1504 ext. 4308
E: Evan.Parker@mdc.mo.gov

Background:

The city of Bel-Nor has an exemplary tree board that maintains the community's forest in partnership with a number of organizations. With increasing challenges to the city's trees, the tree board has continued to expand their work. To expand their capacity to do so, Bel-Nor will use MDC cost share funding to expand education and outreach programs while also acquiring supplies to facilitate volunteer tree planting and watering activities. In addition, 10 high-risk trees will be removed and replaced. This project plan outlines the specifications of the project and the requirements for MDC reimbursement.

Removal of Critical Risk Trees (900.B.8):

The city's inventory identified 10 trees which present hazards necessitating removal. MDC will provide cost share funding at a rate of 90% for the contracted removal of these 10 selected trees. All work must follow ANSI A300 and Z133 standards. Should any changes occur within the period of the agreement, the MDC project planner must be notified before work begins on the modified portion of the project. All projects will be subject to follow-up inspections to assess their effectiveness.

Timing Considerations: To avoid any potential conflicts with federally listed Indiana bats, trees greater than 5" in diameter at 4.5' above ground may not be cut down from April 1st to October 15th. Felling of trees during this period will make this project ineligible for MDC cost share funding.

2:1 Tree Replacement: In order to receive cost share funding, two trees must be planted for each tree that is removed. These trees do not need to be planted at the same location or at the same time as the tree removals, but must be planted within the same fiscal year. Planting must be completed before the project can be submitted for reimbursement. Bel-Nor will be ineligible for additional cost share funding until replacement trees are planted. Trees must be Forest ReLeaf trees in 3 gallon or larger pots or commercial nursery trees with a caliper of 1" or greater. Trees must be species native to Missouri. Exceptions must be approved by your MDC project planner. Tree stock and planting must adhere to ANSI Z60.2, A300, and Z133 standards. Documentation including size, number, species, and location (e.g. GPS point, hand drawn map, etc.) must be submitted with the final documents at project completion. Trees should be mulched at planting and should be watered during dry periods for at least the first three years. Please see the MDC publications "How to Plant a Tree," "Mulch – Your Tree's Best Friend," and "Watering Your Shade Tree." Only trees planted after the signing of the cost share agreement can be counted towards the 2:1 requirement.

Tree Care and Outreach Materials:

Education and outreach materials can be crucial tools for raising awareness of the community forest, its benefits, and the ability of community members to get involved. Bel-Nor will design and purchase three materials for three different but related campaigns, as described in the project proposal. First is a community mailer containing information on the activities of the tree board and how to get involved, as well as on the community forest itself. MDC will support the costs of the mailer, envelopes, and postage. Second are yard signs that will be placed at high-traffic locations to raise awareness of tree care. Lastly, 100 tree tags will be placed on prominent public trees. The purchase of these tags will bring attention to the community forest and help the city to obtain arboretum accreditation. The estimated combined cost of these three components is \$5666.14, and MDC will provide cost share funding at a rate of 90%. All final drafts of the materials must be approved by the MDC project planner before purchasing. As feasible, materials should include the MDC logo. Should any changes occur within the period of the agreement, the MDC project planner must be notified before the changes are implemented.

Tree Care Supplies:

The city completes numerous tree planting and maintenance projects throughout the year, typically utilizing Forest ReLeaf trees. To ensure high survival rates, Bel-Nor will purchase supplies to maintain and water newly planted trees in the city. The details of the items to be purchased are described in the project proposal and focus primarily on volunteer planting events and tree watering. The estimated combined cost of these supplies is \$4310.60, and MDC will provide cost share funding at a rate of 90%. Should any changes occur within the period of the agreement, the MDC project planner must be notified before the changes are implemented.

Other Considerations:

Publicity Plan: As a requirement for cost share funding, Bel-Nor shall execute at least two publicity measures to promote MDC's Community Conservation Cost Share program and raise

awareness of the importance of healthy trees in the community. Examples include but are not limited to signage, social media posts, virtual/in-person events, newsletters, website posts, mailers, etc. Evidence of the publicity measures must be submitted with the final documents at project completion.

Maintenance Requirement: This project has a maintenance period of five years. This means that the site must be maintained in its condition for five years. It is expected that conditions might change, trees might need to be removed due to unforeseen health declines, etc. However, egregious destruction of sites within five years (e.g. removal of pruned trees for the construction of a parking lot) will remove the project from compliance. In that case, the partner will be responsible for correcting the situation or for refunding MDC for the unmaintained portion of the project.

Budget: Project costs are categorized as either reimbursable (contractor costs, equipment, supplies) or matching (administrative/staff time, volunteer time at \$15/hr, supplies, equipment rental/purchase, etc) costs. MDC will reimburse 90% of total project costs, up to (but not exceeding) 100% of reimbursable costs. We have estimated a total of \$34,026.74 in reimbursable costs. The estimated total reimbursement is therefore the cap of \$25,000. Please inform the MDC project planner of deviation from estimated expenses as soon as possible to ensure that funds can be allocated. Only expenses accrued and activity completed after the agreement has been signed are eligible as project costs.

Deadline Schedule:

- March 31st: removal of trees
- May 1st: paperwork submission and any activities not otherwise listed

Reporting Requirements: Reporting documents must be submitted by May 1st, 2027. The project can be completed and submitted at any point before then in order to expedite the reimbursement process. After document review, a reimbursement check will be issued to the partner. If any changes occur within the period of the agreement, the MDC project planner shall be notified of said changes prior to their occurrence. All projects will be subject to follow-up inspections to assess their effectiveness. Future funding may be denied if projects are poorly managed. The following documents will be needed for project completion:

- Documentation including tree locations and risk assessment from a qualified professional
- Dates of tree removals
- Documentation including size, number, species, and location of trees planted
- All receipts and invoices for all expenses indicating that they have been paid
- Documentation on letterhead for all staff or volunteer time used as a matching expense (must include position title, what they did, for how many hours, and the applicable rate of pay including benefits)
- Evidence of publicity measures
- Copies of all purchased education and outreach materials (mailers, signs, tags)