

City of Bel Nor, Missouri
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type: Special Session

Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

Location: 8416 Natural Bridge Road

Starting Time: Approximately 7:35

PM 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Anna Vogel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

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

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney, Stephanie Karr, St John Police chief, Paul Anderson, and City Administrator, Rachel St.Pierre.

3. Business

a. New Motion - Read and Vote: M26-003 Public Safety Options Feasibility Study

The Board discussed potential public safety initiatives, including increased police presence, a resident public safety grant program, tree trimming around streetlights and traffic signs, and camera technology.

Paul Anderson of the St. John Police Department provided additional information regarding options for increased police coverage. A dedicated officer assigned to Bel Nor as a police sector with 24-hour coverage was estimated at approximately \$225,000 annually. An enhanced option retaining the City's existing supplemental patrol services in addition to the dedicated sector officer was estimated at approximately \$300,000 annually. The Board also discussed the possibility of concentrating additional police coverage during particular hours rather than providing 24-hour dedicated coverage.

The Board discussed license plate reader and camera technology, including access to camera information, law enforcement use of data, privacy concerns, and current public concerns regarding the technology. No action was taken regarding camera implementation.

The Board discussed trimming City-owned trees and vegetation obstructing streetlights and traffic signs. Based on prior costs, approximately \$10,000 was identified as a preliminary planning estimate for a broader tree-trimming project. The Board expressed support for pursuing the work during an appropriate seasonal timeframe.

The Board also discussed reestablishing the City's resident public safety assistance program. Potential eligible improvements discussed included exterior cameras, doorbell cameras, motion-activated lighting, and other residential exterior lighting. Staff noted that the program structure, reimbursement amount, and eligible expenses could be revised from the prior program.

Motion:	Direct staff to conduct feasibility study on: increased police presence, tree trimming, and a City funded public safety grant for citizens.		
Moved By:	Alderson Capstick		
Seconded By:	Alderson Days		
Voice Vote:		Aye	Nay
Alderson Capstick		x	
Alderson Brockschmitt		x	
Alderson Durand		x	
Alderson Days		x	
Motion: Passed			

- b. **New Ordinance – First reading and discussion: O26-007 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8418 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD TO CREOLE WITH A SPLASH OF SOUL, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY, TO NEGOTIATE AND FINALIZE THE TERMS OF THE LEASE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE FINAL LEASE; AND PROVIDING LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY GRANTED**

Ronda Walker introduced herself to the Board and presented information regarding her proposed restaurant, Creole with a Splash of Soul, LLC, proposed for the City-owned commercial property at 8418 Natural Bridge Road.

Ms. Walker discussed her prior restaurant experience, proposed menu, anticipated operations, reservation and carryout service, staffing, potential liquor licensing, and plans for the Bel Nor location. Board members

asked questions regarding restaurant operations, menu offerings, seating, staffing, neighborhood demand, and potential community partnerships.

The Board discussed the proposed lease and the process for negotiating final lease terms.

Motion:	Read the Ordinance by title for the first time		
Moved By:	Alderson Capstick		
Seconded By:	Alderson Brockschmitt		
Roll Call Vote:		Aye	Nay
Alderson Capstick		x	
Alderson Brockschmitt		x	
Alderson Durand		x	
Alderson Days		x	
Motion: Passed			

4. Public Comment

A resident commented regarding maintenance needs on several City-owned traffic islands, including vegetation and debris requiring removal. Staff requested that specific locations and maintenance concerns be reported to City Hall so they could be addressed.

A resident asked whether additional streetlights could be installed in the City and suggested a community public safety campaign encouraging residents to turn on porch lights and conduct evening safety checks. The Board and staff discussed possible public education efforts and the use of exterior and motion-activated lighting as part of the public safety program under consideration.

A resident commented regarding the timeliness of posting approved Board meeting minutes to the City's website. Staff stated that the recently approved minutes would be reviewed and posted.

Additional comments were made regarding the location of a sign near a City island, and staff indicated the location would be reviewed.

5. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:48 PM

Motion:	Adjourn the meeting
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			

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21 DAY OF September, 2026.

Anna Vogel

Anna Vogel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Savannah Jones

Savannah Jones, City Clerk

