**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**
**CITY OF BEL-NOR**
**August 18, 2025**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Nor met in public session pursuant to law at 8416 Natural Bridge Road, Bel-Nor, Mo., 63121 at 7:30 p.m. August 18, 2025. The Board members present at roll call were Alderman Ryan Brockschmitt, Alderman Mike Capstick, Alderman Evelyn Days, Alderman Terri Durand, and Mayor Anna Vogel. Stephanie Karr, City Attorney and Sanette White, City Clerk were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Mayor Vogel mentioned the regular board meeting on August 18, 2025. Mayor Vogel asked the board to do a final review and state any corrections. There were no corrections and Mayor Vogel asked for a motion to approve, Alderman Durand first and Alderman Days seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**
Mayor Vogel read the final balances of July 31, 2025 Treasurer's Report submitted by Lisa Kampmeinert, Treasurer. Mayor Vogel stated at the end of July, the general fund was $610.000, now is $603,000, the capital fund was $142,000 now is $141,000, public safety, sewer lateral and court fines remain the same. Notes from our accountant are the capital improvement fund and the ARPA account has nothing to report. The general fund paid $2,925 for building inspections, paid $3,828 to Beyond Housing for TDD funding and the election bid fee, paid $1,100 for general code maintenance uploading our codes to our website and we paid $1,800 to PC Tech for computer trouble shooting. Sewer lateral, debt services, sewer lateral and court fines, nothing to report.

Mayor Vogel asked for a motion to approve the treasurer report. Alderman Durand first and Alderman Days seconded. The report was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE:**
Officer Scott Ford read the Safety Report

Issued 20 citations/summonses for various violations.

St. John Police received several 911 calls regarding a residence on Hatherly Drive that had been fired upon. Several subjects were attempting to steal a vehicle from a driveway on Hatherly Drive. After the vehicle owner yelled out a window advising the subjects to leave, one subject fired several shots in the home. No injuries were reported.

An aggressive and immediate canvas of the area for the subjects was conducted, including two police canines and a helicopter was requested. No subjects were apprehended at that time.

The detective bureau is investigating this crime, and numerous pieces of evidence have been seized and processed for latent fingerprints, along with DNA. Law enforcement is currently awaiting lab results.

Chief Anderson said the community has to decide what types of cameras will need to be invested in. Bel-Nor's biggest issue is foot traffic.

The good thing about the juveniles is they are turning adult age soon.

Resident: Wakanda Dr - tell us an address to write to our congressman about amending the legislation for juveniles?

Chief Anderson - Your local representatives and state senators are ones you want to reach out to.

Resident: Jan Nelson - Is your intention to lower the juvenile age. Officer Ford responded that hopefully we can get rid of the point system and get back to a normal system as being a response to the crime. They raised the age to 18 from 17 recently.

Resident: Roanoke Dr. - For the break-ins, are the owners leaving the cars unlocked or are they breaking in? Chief Anderson said they are leaving cars unlocked, and at times, keys in the vehicles. They check doors and don't want to make too much noise.

Resident: Any home break-ins? Officer Ford said no, just vehicles, two incidents, same individuals.

Resident: Can the board pass an ordinance to make parents responsible?

Bel-Nor has a juvenile ordinance from 9:30pm - 6:00am Sun-Thurs cannot be outside if you are a juvenile, but we have not used it in a while.

Officer Ford mentioned that we are reviewing the nuisance ordinance tonight to update the age which will be another tool to use.

Mayor asked Chief Anderson about the use of alley lights. Chief Anderson did not recommend the use of alley lights on cars. The lights are so bright that you can see them a block away and that televises their position blocks away.

Resident: Can you pursue the subjects, what would you do? Officer Ford said he would try to make first contact with them.

Resident: As a resident if we see something and we contact the police line, send video would it be fair to expect a response back. Officer Ford responded, yes, we spoke about this earlier, getting Bel-Nor involved with the neighborhood watch.

Resident: What is the policy or procedures of Bel-Nor collecting the names of minors that live in the area? My situation is a group of juveniles cut through my backyard, Bellerive to Arlmont back and forth, sometimes they stop and check our cars.

Office Ford said call us at the time you see them. Get what information you can about them.

Resident: Are we to be concerned that over time there will be an increase in crime and how long can I safely live here?

Chief Anderson, you really don't have any issues in the neighborhood at this time, the community is safe, we patrol all the time and Officer Ford clears a lot of the situations. It is only a select group of individuals.

Resident: Bellerive - We appreciate all that you do. Do we need more lights?

Dusk to dawn lights and residential cameras are great you can add to your own property.

St. John joined the regional task force and Tuesday night;

Resident: For the board, are you thinking about any way of adding more streetlights?

Mayor: Yes, we are looking at multiple public safety grants to see if we can qualify for any of them. I am looking into getting more lighting, upgrading our lighting or changing our lights and the existing lights are the metal halo light, there are other options to review.

We would like to keep lighting the same as the charm of 1937.

Mayor thanked the Officers.

The municipal cameras take about six months to one year for a city to implement.

Chief Anderson and the Mayor were looking at options for safety, the residents wanted this and it was discussed offering a grant from our public safety budget to anyone in Bel-Nor who puts up doorbell cameras and motion detection lights. Bel-Nor will pay half the cost and add additional cameras and lights. This is a public safety proposal.

Resident: Norwood - We have motion detectors, hard wired to see our yard and the neighbors, kind of perfect, we've sent footage to St. John. Many porch lights are not being used.

Mayor: The grant will not limit residents to a brand for cameras or lights.

Alderman Brockschmitt: we have a survey that will ask if residents have cameras and what street they live on so we can get a general idea of all the cameras. If we can encourage more residents to get cameras. We can create a spreadsheet of who has cameras to save time.

We can identify potential streets that have big blind spots.

Mayor Vogel said if you have an electric pole in your backyard, call Ameren and they will put a light in your yard for a small monthly fee. Mayor Vogel confirmed that lighting is an issue in Bel-Nor.

Mayor Vogel said there are volunteers that will be willing to assist in set-up for these cameras.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**ALDERMANIC REPORTS:**

**Alderman Brockschmitt**: I attended the Mirma conference last month and we qualified toward the discount. I made good contacts and met a city administrator and a mayor. I think they will be good resources. We will start a weekly inspection of the playground. Bel-Nor is not set up on the Neighbors by Ring app which is ring cameras with a tab that says neighbors, we are able to push out notifications for different issues with this tool.

In addition, Alderman Brockschmitt and Days went through Bel-Nor south to check all of the streets, created a map of all the streetlamps and their numbers. We can look at our map now to locate specific locations.

**Alderman Capstick**: As far as code enforcement, there have been 29 citations since our last meeting for basically the same stuff, derelict cars sitting in driveways, grass and trees. Stated the Office Ford said he was there to protect the families and thanked Officer Ford.

**Alderman Days:** I will second what Alderman Capstick to thank Officer Ford and Chief Anderson. They have been very responsive, and we are also partnering with St. John with their neighborhood watch program and piggyback on what they are doing. Today was the first day of school. Be mindful that children are out and about.

**Alderman Durand**: I petitioned Rita Days to get on the Oct/Nov St Louis County Agenda for Hanley Road.
We have responsibility to reach beyond our city, to report any litter, vacancies, in the surrounding area.

If anyone passes away, we would like to send sympathy cards to the family and that will also notify us that the resident is vacant. Please contact me if anyone wants to send a card or letter to a resident.

**Mayor Vogel** mentioned that we are continuing to manage rentals and get all inspections up to date. We have boiler issues and are trying to get that repaired. TDD is ongoing. We were looking into multiple safety grants working on finalizing the community block grant. We have a solution for the static electricity at Clearview Park; we are working to get that fixed. We have a fall plant sale on September 13, 2025 at Clearview Park, thinning our islands and selling all plants at affordable prices. The proceeds will go for the street dance, an old tradition in Bel-Nor. We will send out details at the end of the week.

**Old Business**:
Mayor Vogel mentioned the ordinance that takes derelict out of the unlicensed vehicles, due to a recent lawsuit, this is one of things that needed to change. Mayor Vogel motioned to do a second reading, Alderman Durand first and Alderman Days seconded. The motion was approved by

unanimous voice vote. Mayor Vogel read the second reading of the ordinance. Mayor Vogel asked if there were any questions from the board and from the public. No questions.

Mayor Vogel motioned to approve, Alderman Capstick first and Alderman Durand seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Alderman Brockschmitt, Aye, Alderman Capstick, Aye, Alderman Durand, Aye and Alderman Days, Aye. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 1116 Bill No. 1200 has passed.

**New Business**:
We will do a first reading tonight and we will do a second reading at the September meeting. This will give everyone time to review and comment. Our electric panel at City Hall, the original panel that has the screw-in fuses is beginning to fail, we need to upgrade the load. We asked for three bids and have received two bids within the last months. We got a bid from Hoffman Brothers for $7,300 and from Key-Bee Electric for less than $2,400 so we will be going with Key-Bee.

Mayor Vogel motioned for a first reading and Alderman Durand first and Alderman Capstick seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Vogel read the 1st reading. Mayor Vogel asked if there were any questions from the board and from the public. No questions were asked.

Since 2021 we have used Kings Auto Repair for snow removal services, and they also hold our salt and we have it delivered. It has to be maintained separately. We have to build a separate storage bid. We have to report to the EPA on how much salt we use.

Mayor motioned for a first reading. The mayor motioned for a first reading and Alderman Durand first and Alderman Days seconded. The motioned was approved by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Vogel read the 1st reading. Mayor Vogel asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

Mayor Vogel stated the last item on the agenda is our juvenile code with a curfew change to the age of 17 years old to 18.

Mayor Vogel motioned for a first reading. Alderman Capstick first and Alderman seconded. The motion to read was approved by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Vogel read the 1st reading.

Attorney Karr: Stated that there is an exception, the ordinance does not apply to any young persons out with an adult.

Alderman Days: My concern is where can we make exceptions like walking the dog or going from one relative to another's home a few blocks away.

Officer Ford said this is just a tool that we will use for bad people to be used appropriately.

**Open to Public**

Resident: Can we consider being able to park on odds sides of the street for snow removal for residents with single car garages and don't have additional parking?

Mayor Vogel responded, for the trucks to get through, we need the streets clear. Resident: We need more speed bumps near the park. Mayor Vogel agreed that we will review options of speed bumps

Resident: What is the time table for street repair.

Mayor Vogel said we can have our public works person to work on them and the larger repairs will begin next year.

Mayor Vogel motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alderman Capstick first and Alderman Durand seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Minutes prepared by Sanette J. White, City Clerk.**

**Meeting Minutes Approved by Board of Alderman on** September 15 **2025.**

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**Meeting Minutes Approved by Mayor on** 9.15.25.

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**Mayor**