

10. The City of Belle is a 4th class city under Section 72.040. It has been incorporated under Section 79.010.

11. The City of Belle is a public governmental body under Section 610.010(4).

12. The City of Belle has an elected Mayor, who is presently Darryl White, and a Board of Aldermen, whose offices are established under Section 79.050.

13. The City of Belle Board of Aldermen is a public governmental body under Section 610.010(4).

14. The City refers to the Board of Aldermen variously as either the Board of Aldermen or the City Council.² For example, the City's website refers to a "City Council" and a "Board of Aldermen," but these are the same entity.³

15. Under Section 79.110, the "mayor and board of aldermen of [the City] shall have the care, management and control of the city and its finances[.]"

16. The Board is composed of the Mayor and four alderpersons, and the Mayor may vote in the case of a tie. Under Section 79.120, the Mayor "shall exercise a general supervision over all the officers and affairs of the city, and shall take care that the ordinances of the city, and the state laws relating to such city, are complied with."

17. Mayor Darryl White has failed to ensure that the Missouri Open Meetings Law has been complied with.

² This Petition will refer to this entity as the Board of Aldermen or the "Board."

³ See <https://cityofbellemo.org/mayor-and-city-council/>