

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:15 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis
Alderman Watts
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

Alderwoman Abernathy

Following roll call, the City Clerk reported a quorum was present.

Motion to approve the agenda for April 12, 2022, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve March 1, 2022 Regular Session minutes and March 17, 2022 Working Session minutes made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-favor vote received.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

March 2022 Disbursements – Motion to approve March 2022 consent agenda and disbursements made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all-in favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Application for New Business License – Applicant: Scott Silk; Business: Banquet Center, 8832 Natural Bridge Road – Applicant Scott Silk would like a business license to rent this property as a banquet center. Cooking nor selling of liquor will be permitted. Discussion held. Motion to approve business license made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all-in favor vote received.

Pocket Park Expenditures from Brookside Contracting for \$106,965.50 -- City Clerk received 2 invoices for a total of \$106,965.50. City Clerk spoke to Park Grant Commission who stated all paid invoices and these two invoices from engineers should be submitted and they will pay half-way through the job instead of waiting until completion of the park. Discussion held. Motion to approve payment of the two invoices made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all-in favor vote received.

Major Case Squad Reimbursement for \$2,279.57 -- Two invoices have been received from the major case squad for services rendered in July, one in the amount of \$2,279.57, which receipts have been received; waiting on the other receipt. Discussion held. Motion to pay the one invoice with receipts made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all-in favor vote received.

Acquisition of (3) 2019 Bel-Ridge Police Vehicles; (\$26,700.18 to Banc Corp) -- City attorney states there are three police cars on lease which Bel-Ridge will pay off the lease of (\$26, 700.18) and then sell to Normandy Police Department. Bel-Ridge will receive a profit of \$15,000.00 per car. Discussion held. Ordinance to follow.

ARPA Project & Expenditure Report (due date 4-30-22) -- ARPA funds have not been dedicated. The expenditure report is due April 30, 2022 for all cities who have received the funds to report to federal government how those funds were spent and the amount of each project. ARPA funds may be used up to 2024. Discussion held.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – Cary Herdon, Public Works Director, states that the 257 Skid loader has a blown hose drive motor and could not be fixed on site and had

to be towed to DOC's Towing. Alderman Robinson requests approval be held off until pricing is known. Discussion held.

Police Department – Normandy Police Sgt Tameka Sanders gives the monthly report of police services performed for the City of Bel-Ridge; 519 calls for service, 42 reports, 10 mobile tickets, and no count for handwritten tickets. Sgt Sanders states the radio problem is over, they are going back to St. Louis County. Sgt Sanders also says that Corporal Robinson stated the purchase for external storage units were for phones and are detailed in police report. Discussion follows concerning current problems in Bel-Ridge. Alderman Watts volunteers to be point person to contact prosecuting attorney and have him attend the next board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1445 – an ordinance amending the City's 2021 budget to reflect changes to revenue and expenditures and appropriate funds accordingly.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1445 by caption only approving an ordinance to amend the City's 2021 budget to reflect changes to revenue and expenditures and appropriate funds accordingly, made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1445 by caption only by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes

Alderman Watts- Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Tope - Yes

Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1445, now Ordinance 2022-6.

Bill 1446 – an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Bancorp Bank for the purchase of three police patrol vehicles that are leased through the bank, and approving the sale of those three police patrol vehicles to the city of Normandy to be used as part of Normandy's fleet for police purposes.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1446 by caption only authorizing an agreement with Bancorp Bank for the purchase of three police patrol vehicles that are leased through the bank, and approving the sale of those three police patrol vehicles to the city of Normandy to be used as part of Normandy's fleet for police purposes, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1446 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes

Alderman Watts- Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Tope - Yes

Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1446, now Ordinance 2022-7.

Bill 1447 – an ordinance authorizing special counsel to file quiet title actions in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County for 18 lots acquired from St. Louis County after tax sale foreclosures and matters related thereto.

Discussion held concerning this action; is there a plan in place for these lots?
It is stated there is not a plan in place for these lots.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1447 authorizing special counsel to file quiet title actions in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County for 18 lots acquired from St. Louis County after tax sale foreclosures and matters related thereto made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading and its adoption of Bill 1447 by caption only by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Tope, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes

Alderman Watts- Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Tope - Yes

Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1447, now Ordinance 2022-8.

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderman Tope suggests the Board give the mayor more authority to take care of small decisions. Alderman Watts states there is already an ordinance that allows the mayor that authority. Discussion held.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

The meeting minutes were taken and transcribed by City Clerk, Andrea Jones.

April 12, 2022, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this
3rd day of May 2022.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk