

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:08 P.M.

Roll Call Board of Alderman Present

Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

Motion to approve the agenda for April 20, 2023, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve February 7, 2023, Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

St. Louis County Council presents a Resolution in honor of Alderwoman Abernathy. A moment of silence is held. Alderman Watts reads the Resolution. Motion to frame and hang in City Hall the Resolution, with a picture of Alderwoman Abernathy, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Katasha Jones --- Resident discusses different scenarios in restaurants in Bel-Ridge that have caused her to be banned from frequenting. Ms. Jones requests to open a home catering service. Discussion was held regarding proper procedures and requirements.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Police Department --- Chief Sanders distributed the monthly police report: 714 calls for service; 58 summons/tickets; 53 reports; 11 accident reports.

Normandy has a vendor ready to purchase Bel-Ridge firearms; close to Eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00). Two shotguns and two rifles are to be bought by Normandy at fair market value. Further discussion was held regarding the specifics of Bel-Ridge firearms. Motion to authorize Normandy to sell excess weapons previously mentioned; to submit a report to Bel-Ridge and authorize city clerk to pay Normandy Police the

commission of sale according to the contract made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

A discussion was held regarding buying versus leasing four (4) Dodge Chargers patrol vehicles and one (1) Durango. Leasing costs for the chargers are \$36,906 each; the leasing cost for the Dodge Durango is \$42,723. The total purchase price for all five (5) vehicles is One hundred thirty-five thousand (\$135,000.00), which will be reduced once the current vehicles are sold. The city has to pay the total amount and then receive monies from the sale of current vehicles. ARPA funds may be used for this transaction. City accountant to verify monies are available for use for this transaction.

A Flock camera representative was asked to attend May board meeting for actual questions and answer session. Chief Sanders will provide handout information to the city clerk to go into Board packets.

Public Works --- Public Works Director states the prices to stock the lake for fishing have increased. Motion to spend up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to stock fish made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

A resume was received for the position of a code enforcement officer. Code enforcement classes currently offered are discussed. The hiring of a code enforcement officer was discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

March 2023 Disbursements --- Motion to approve the March 2023 disbursements made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

24:1 Municipal Partnership Presentation --- Discussion held regarding the 24:1 Municipal Partnership. Motion to decline participation made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye to decline. Unanimously approved.

3rd Ward Vacancy – A discussion was held as to the current 3rd Ward vacancy due to the passing of Alderwoman Abernathy. State law requires the vacancy to be filled by the Board until the next election. Mayor Fair nominates Gordon Brock to fill the vacancy.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – No

Alderman Watts -- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed.

Procedures for Delinquent Business Licenses --- Discussion held as to what next steps need to be taken to rectify this problem. City attorney to meet with the city clerk to develop legal procedures and start the scheduling process. Since the businesses are operating without a business license, they are currently in violation of city ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned.

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

April 20, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 6th day of June 2023.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk