

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 6:08 P.M.

Roll Call **Board of Alderman Present** **Board of Aldermen Absent**

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Brock

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

Motion to amend the agenda to include Weiss Engineering discussion for August 1, 2023, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the May 2, 2023, Regular Session minutes and the June 6, 2023 Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Barbara Thompson --- Resident states she will hold off until next meeting, just taking notes and will see what's exactly going on.

Darryl Robinson --- Resident states confusion regarding this meeting's discussions. Discussion held regarding this meeting's agenda. Resident then asks whether issues are going to be dealt with. Discussion continues.

Discussion held regarding amended business licenses for The Energy Hub and 5 Star Market N More. Also discussed delinquent business licenses.

Chief Sanders states the process for shutting down businesses due to non-compliance of having a valid business license. Discussion of the related Ordinance follows.

Discussion led by Chief Sanders regarding L&T Superservice's delinquent business license. City Clerk to prepare and send letter to L&T Superservice, both regular and certified mail.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

July 2023 Disbursements --- Motion to table topic made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Items 1,2,3 --- Already previously discussed, see above minutes.

Discussion of 2023 Tax Levy Public Hearing date for September ---

Lengthy discussion held regarding the public hearing for the 2023 tax levy hearing. Attorney Stephanie Karr to schedule a public hearing for the discussion of the 2023 tax levy public hearing.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court --- None

Public Works --- None

Police Department --- Chief Sanders distributed the monthly police report: 1,474 calls for service; 153 summons/tickets; 110 reports.

Discussion held regarding the new police vehicles purchased for Normandy; the white Durango has been received and is in use.

Production of the new chargers should be off the assembly line by the end of the month. Normandy police will go and pick up the vehicles to avoid any delivery fees and charges.

UMSL will offer CERT training; it will be nine (9) sessions for nine dollars (\$9.00) a session. It is for emergency situations – flooding, power outages, etc. Discussion held concerning specifics of this resourceful training.

Discussion held regarding traffic officers. Chief Sanders restricted the police department; there is now two (2) designated traffic officers, whose sole responsibility is traffic enforcement. Results in positive traffic enforcement forthcoming.

Discussion held concerning outsourcing of Bel-Ridge courts. Alderman Tope motions to amend agenda to add topic of outsourcing the courts, seconded by Alderman Robinson. City attorney advises against amendment of the agenda, stating motion needs to be clearly stated. Alderman Tope motions to take a proposal for court outsourcing. City attorney's legal advice is to not to do this amendment, due to it not being an appropriate motion due to the Sunshine Law.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 1461 – an ordinance approving an agreement Weis Design Group Inc. for engineering services for the CDBG Street Improvement Project for Maybelle Drive.

Weis Design Group does not appear; questions remain unanswered. This bill is moved to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

None

City attorney states thirty-eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$38,100.00) is approved for demolition and must be used by September 30, 2023, or will expire. Lengthy discussion held regarding extensions

and other ways to spend the money. It is decided there will be a meeting next week to make decisions on how to spend the money. Meeting to be set.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

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

August 1, 2023 Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 12th day of September 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk