

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE  
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021  
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 10, 2021, at 6:05 PM.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b><u>Board of Aldermen Present</u></b>	<b><u>Board of Aldermen Absent</u></b>
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Alderman Davis  
Alderman Watts  
Alderwoman Tope  
Alderwoman Whitaker  
Alderman Robinson  
Mayor Fair

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to approve the agenda for August 10, 2021, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve July 6, 2021 minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor voted received.

Motion to approve July 22, 2021 minutes by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

**Carl Chatman – 3237 Welsberg ---** Mr. Chatman states he has a tree problem on his property that's not deadly but is knocking down limbs on the other side of the property line. Discussion held.

**Mary Mans --- 3225 Welsberg –** Ms. Mans states she is not seeing any police patrolling, is Normandy patrolling? Board responds they see Normandy patrolling. Ms. Mans further asks about Zoom board meetings. City Clerk states there are none because she has to run the Zoom as well as take care of meeting minutes. Ms. Mans asks whether any ex-Bel-Ridge police hired by Normandy? Question was answered that hiring by Normandy is a work in process. Also, the trees previously talked about is failing in her yard. City Clerk to locate owner of the property to whom the trees belong.

**Hatsephi Kushima – 7526 Thelma** – My first issue is 3400 Hanley, which is the corner of Hanley and Thelma. The house was burned not quite two years ago. It had been boarded up but its open and you can see through it. The house next to it, 3404, you can ---- Mayor stops her and says that house is on the demo list and both houses will be coming down. Second issue is about the poison ivy. Public Works will take the addresses and cut the grass if necessary and put a lien on the property.

**Robert Wyatt -- 7707 Chorman** -- Mr. Wyatt states the property next to the house he purchased from the City of Bel-Ridge, the company that tore the house down came through his yard, tore it up and dropped four trunk loads of dirt in his yard down his driveway. They also busted up the aprons, which he still wanted to use. Discussion held. Alderman Watts and Public Works Director will take a look at it and report back to Mayor Fair.

**Debra Wilkins – 2910 N. Hanley** – One, Ms. Wilkins states she doesn't see police patrolling, which concerns her. Normandy Police woman stated all that they were offering and she doesn't see it. Two, how do you know what property is available to bid on and where do you get the information; how is it made available to the neighborhood? City Clerk responds by saying she put an ad in the St. Louis American newspaper, Bel-Ridge Facebook page as well as the City of Bel-Ridge website. Third question is whether the public can get the topics the Board is going to vote on in advance so that we can have our questions ready before the vote? City Clerk states the agenda is posted 24 hours in advance. Discussion held.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

July 2021 Disbursements – Motion to approve July 2021 disbursements made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all-in favor voted received.

### **CITY ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

City accountant unable to present July financials due to new email system installed for Bel-Ridge. She will present July financials at the next working session meeting.



## **CITY CLERK REPORTS**

**Application for New Business: Blue Smokehouse, LLC; Lewis McKinney** – Mrs. McKinney appears before the Board for a new business license for Blue Smokehouse LLC, 8642 Natural Bridge Road. Discussion held. Estimated opening date is September 2021. Alderman Watts moves to approve the business license with the condition all necessary documents are produced, seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all-in favor vote received.

**Revocation of Business License Pursuant to Section 605.190 of the Zoning Code: Failure to Obtain a Valid Building Permit ---** City Clerk announces that this item may be taken off the agenda as all fees have been paid by the business owner.

**Potential Purchase of 3418 Maybelle Drive by Neighboring Property Owner** – City Clerk states there is a gentleman who comes into City Hall who is interested in purchasing the empty lot at this address. Discussion held. City Clerk to reach out to the gentleman and let him know the bidding process for the property.

## **CITY'S STAFF REPORTS**

**Municipal Court** – None

**Public Works** – Cary Herndon, Director of Public Works, reminds the Board to contact the Prosecuting Attorney concerning Code Enforcement Officer Gordon Brock's concerns regarding the process of his duties, including what he can do as well as what he cannot do. Discussion held. City Attorney present will contact Attorney Keith Chung.

**Police Department** – None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

### **BILLS**

**Bill 1426** – approving an engagement agreement with Development Strategies to provide consulting services to the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

Discussion held regarding the purpose of the agreement.

Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill 1426 by caption only approving an engagement agreement with Development Strategies to provide consulting services to the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri, made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1<sup>st</sup> reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill 1426 by caption only by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading done by City Attorney.

### **ROLL CALL**

Alderwoman Davis- Yes  
Alderman Watts - Yes  
Alderman Tope- Yes  
Alderman Whitaker- Yes  
Alderman Robinson- Yes  
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

**Motion passed for Bill 1426, now Ordinance 2021-14.**

### **MOTION FOR ASSIGNMENT FOR TEMPORARY POLICE CLERK**

There is an emergency situation with all the police officers now gone, there was no one to handle warrants, tow releases and all the day to day types of police clerk duties. On an emergency basis, Douglas Zwetow was temporarily appointed the police clerk duties as a civilian employee of the City, not as a police officer. He has turned in his badge, his gun and all that. Since he is not a police officer, the Board has the authority to hire and appoint these civilian clerks; so until AJ and her assistants can be properly trained and

certification to be able to do the REJIS access and information. Discussion held. No action taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in favor vote received. Meeting adjourned.

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

August 10, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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City Clerk