

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 2022, at 6:04 PM.

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

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

Motion to amend agenda to add approval of November 1, 2022 minutes made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor received.

Motion to approve the amended agenda for November 1, 2022, made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the October 4, 2022, Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-favor vote received.

Motion to approve the November 1, 2022, Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Elvis Fantroy --- Parking problem on Werder Drive – no response or participation from Normandy Police. Discussion held regarding all the parking violations. Resident Fantroy makes a formal complaint to Bel-Ridge and Normandy Police for help. Next course of action will be to the Attorney General.

Alderman Robinson asks if better research is being done on ownership of properties on Werder. Public Works Directors describes what actions have been taken thus far to rectify the problem. Further discussion held between Board, Sgt Sanders and residents.

Darryl Robinson --- I have a couple of questions. What did you men when you said “amend the agenda” and how is it that we continue to rent properties in the strip mall and can’t find owners to pay their business taxes to the City of Bel-Ridge?

One more question – is the guy with auto repair shop – I don’t know what else to say, we need to stop making excuses and get something done. The game is “hope they forgot” and nothing gets done.

Another thing --- where did the engineer that did the streets assessment come from? Board replies: 24:1. Discussion held.

December 6, 2022 Board Meeting and Public Hearing minutes taken by Andrea L. Jones, City Clerk

Rebecca Cogshell --- Can we do Airbnb? The point is --- on Kendale, big trucks trying to get in the backyard and you can't tell me this is not a business. Discussion held.

Discussion held regarding commercial building inspector's duties and his recent performance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Fair opens Public Hearing for public comments on reassignment of 2021, 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications and 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. City Clerk states the reason for this public hearing in detail.

Rebecca Cogshell --- where does that money go to?

City Attorney --- The money is for the streets improvements.

Mayor: We chose to designate Maybelle Avenue to receive the street improvements.

Darryl Robinson --- was this subject on the agenda for the meeting that was cancelled?

City Clerk --- Yes, it was.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-favor vote received.

CONSENT AGENDA

November 2022 Disbursements --- Motion to approve the November 2022 disbursements made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Missouri American Water Excavation Project: Kandise Childs and Dave Bodnaw -- Presentation made by Susan Harry of Missouri American Water Excavation Project regarding the replacing service lines for residents. Letters have gone out asking residents permission to come in their properties. Discussion held regarding specifics regarding the project. Susan Harry to send email with attachments of documents given to all homeowners.

Reassignment of 2021, 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications – City Attorney states this is the time where a specific motion and vote needs to occur for the grants. Motion to designate Maybelle Avenue to receive 2021 and 2022 CDBG grants made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application --- City Attorney states a specific motion and vote needs to occur for the 2023 grant. Motion to designate Maybelle Avenue to receive 2023 CDBG grant made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-favor vote received.

Dinner @ Londa's – Failure to file 2022 Liquor License --- Discussion held to what steps need to be taken to rectify the failure of obtaining a liquor

license. City Hall to issue notification – a show cause – as to why she does not have a liquor license with the City of Bel-Ridge, including a scheduled hearing date.

Review of No Parking Ordinance for Werder Drive --- Problem with snow removal on Werder as well as cars parked on both sides of the street. A solution is needed for this parking problem. Sgt Sanders suggests parking on one side of the street and reducing places to park would get derelict vehicles off the street. Discussion held. City Attorney to work with Public Works Director to send letters to residents regarding derelict vehicles.

2023 Annual Budget --- City Accountant to attend the next working session. She will prepare the budget. Next working session scheduled Thursday, December 15.

Review of 2023 Employee Salary Increases --- Discussion held, ordinance needs to be passed. City Attorney to work with City Clerk for presentation at next working session.

2023 Purchase/Lease of Five (5) Police Vehicles --- Will cars remain in the name of Bel-Ridge? Also, Normandy needs to tell Bel-Ridge the amount needed allocated for these new police vehicles. Discussion held. Sgt Sanders speaks on the current stock of available vehicles.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – None

Police Department – Sgt Sanders gives monthly status report for November 1 through December 1: 370 calls; 37 summons; 44 reports.

Currently involved in task force regarding stolen cars and business burglaries. Very organized, they have high powered rifles and walkie talkies. They are most juveniles. Normandy received approval for four (4) flock cameras – they read license plates. Normandy received an indictment on the female shooting a male on QuikTrip lot.

Alderman Tope suggests having representative come to next week's working session to present on flock cameras. Cpt Sanders to contact the representative.

Effective November 1st, Cpt Sanders named Interim Chief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

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

December 6, 2022, Board Meeting and Town Hall Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 3rd day of

January 2022

Andrea Jones

City Clerk