

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

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

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Brock

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda for February 6, 2024, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Regular Session minutes by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Darryl Robinson** --- Resident states Republic Services representative told residents trash bills would not change because Bel-Ridge is already under contract. Board explains the contract has periodic rate increases.

Resident says there are UHauls in our shopping strip mall, so when did the Board approve him having a business license for having UHauls? Discussion held. Resident then asks that everyone is processed the same way.

**Rebecca Cogshell** --- Our streets have too many cars and it's creating and causing problems. Fire trucks and emergency vehicles could not get through when the public works building was on fire. The Board is putting itself in a liable position. Is there anything that can be done? Discussion held.

## CITY CLERK'S REPORT

**Northwest Fire Protection District Presentation** --- Kenneth Farewell makes a presentation to describe some of the items on their upcoming ballot during the election on April 2, 2024.

**Prop P** --- tax to increase pensions, which haven't been increased in over 50 years. It will help to keep qualified people.

**Prop B** --- nontaxable bond to bring monies to get a paramedical training program. There is widespread firemen shortage, about a 30% shortage. We have an EMT academy which have graduated 130 students in the last 5 years. Question and answer session follows.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

January 2024 Disbursements – Motion to approve January 2024 disbursements made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

## **CITY CLERK REPORTS -- CONTINUED**

**New Business License – Dakota Event Center -- 8943 Natural Bridge Road** – Owner Charlene Cunningham requests a business license to open an event center in the old flea market space. It will be a rental space for events. Food can be brought in and liquor will not be served. Motion to issue business license made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

**New Business License – Primary Image LLC – 8959 Natural Bridge Road --** Owner Michael Griffin requests a business license to open an apparel store, which will offer mainly clothes. Accessories may follow. Motion to issue business license made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

**New Business License – Kansas City Food LLC – 8642 Natural Bridge Road** – Owner Ammar Ramadan requests a business license to open a fast food restaurant selling fish and chicken and sides. It will be to go dining/carryout only. Motion to issue business license made by

Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

**Sale of Firearms** – City Clerk has received a check for the sale of firearms but still needs an invoice for proof of sale and the amount each item was sold. Discussion held. Chief Sanders states the invoice will be provided upon finalization of sales. (buyers have picked up firearms.)

**Springwood Apartments** – City Clerk states she contacted the manager of Springwood Apartments inquiring as to the lack of diversity. Discussion held regarding expired identification/lack of employment on occupancy permit applications. Resident states same thing is happening in residences as well. Attorney to research to possibly create corresponding ordinance and will make report of findings at next meeting.

**Rental of City Hall Board Room** – Alderman Brock requests rental of city hall for a birthday party on Saturday, March 16. Discussion held; only to Bel-Ridge residents. Attorney recommends a contract or ordinance. Motion to approve Alderman Brock's rental of city hall made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**City Attorney** – City attorney states there is an ordinance tonight for the approval of new trucks.

**Municipal Court** -- None

**Public Works** – Public Works Director states he has received two bids on the trucks instead of one. He got a cheaper dump truck. Director also states the balance of new trucks can be paid with ARPA funds. Both trucks will come with salt spreaders and plows. Discussion held to status

of investigations of the fire. Director stated he's looking at storage containers. A 20 yarder rental will be One hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$169) a month; discussion held. Motion to approve leasing of storage container made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

**Police Department** -- Chief Sanders presents monthly report of January 1, 2024 through February 1, 2024: 1029 calls for service; 90 police reports; 243 citations; 35 accident reports.

Old Vehicles – Normandy continues to pay insurance premiums on the old vehicles. I was recruited to ask for an answer deadline date for permission to sell the vehicles or vehicles will be delivered to Bel-Ridge and Normandy will stop paying insurance on those cars. Discussion held. Motion for Normandy to bring vehicles back to Bel-Ridge made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Alderman Watts asks the question whether Normandy makes note of repeat domestic violence calls. Chief Sanders responds with dialogue concerning precedent information on this topic. Chief describes Normandy's procedures for repeat domestic violence.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **BILLS**

None

### **RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

None

### **BILLS**

**Bill 1467** – an ordinance approving a contract with Lou Fusz Buick GMC for the purchase of two GMC trucks with accompanying equipment.

Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill 1467 by caption only made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in-favor vote received. 1<sup>st</sup> reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill 1467 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in-favor vote received. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1467 made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts.

### **ROLL CALL**

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts

Alderman Brock

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

**Motion passed for Bill 1467 now Ordinance 2024-01.**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Alderwoman Davis thanks the Board for allowing her to attend the National Women’s Cactus Training. There is now another training she would like to attend and the cost is Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00). Motion to approve the six week training for Alderwoman Davis made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Alderwoman Davis requests the City to approve a proclamation for the Eastern Stars. It’s stated that it’s like an endorsement for the Eastern Stars Grand Testimonial. City attorney suggests creating a resolution. Alderwoman Davis to send information to attorney to include in the resolution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned.**

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

January 18, 2024, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Andrea Jones  
City Clerk