

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Roll Call- Board of Alderman Present

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to approve the agenda for February 7, 2023, made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the January 3, 2023, Regular Session minutes by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Elvis K. Fantroy – Resident asks for status of parking on one side of his street on Werder Street. Public Works Director working with city attorney, no resolution to date. Resident speaks to derelict vehicles re: St Louis County Ordinances. Resident states he will contact Elliott Davis. Discussion held. Public Works Director directed to send this issue to Bel-Ridge Prosecutor.

Bill Vance --- Carson Automotives --- Mr. Vance, representing the Commerce Business Association, states they are requesting help from all the crimes on burglaries and theft. One hundred fifty (150) wheels and converters were stolen from him. He stated, “I can’t continue to lose more at night than I make in the day. And my business was opened in 1947 and I know you don’t want this board to be the reason Carson closes.” Discussion held.

Darryl Robinson --- Pit bulls are running loose in the neighborhood and becoming a real problem. Need to do something about dog laws in Bel-Ridge. Discussion held. City attorney states insurance must be acquired if a dog is declared vicious, homeowner insurance may cover.

Carolyn Hackworth --- 3284 Smithfield --- Does Bel-Ridge have a leash law? **Yes.** Discussion held with Board, residents and Chief Sanders. Detailed procedures explained for resolution of these incidents.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITY CLERK REPORTS

2023 Budget Amendments for FY2023 -- City clerk states amendments were to be made to the budget and the bill needed to be voted on tonight.

Disposal of Remaining Bel-Ridge Weapons --- Inventory to be inspected. Normandy will be the facilitator of the sales.

City Hall Security Upgrade – Buzzer for Main Entry --- Buzzer requested for main entry of City Hall and Municipal Court. Discussion held. Funds are available. Elliott Data has submitted a quote and submitted to the board. A motion to approve security upgrade made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. The vote was cast as follows:

Alderwoman Davis – Aye

Alderman Watts- Aye

Alderman Tope- Aye

Alderman Whitaker- Aye

Alderman Robinson- Nay

Motioned passed

Roles & Responsibilities of City Staff – Attendance at Monthly Board Meetings --- City Clerk asks for guidance in requiring representation at

monthly board meetings for all City of Bel-Ridge departments. Discussion held. City attorney recommends prosecuting attorney be requested to attend monthly board meetings when questions arise. Emails with specific questions to be directed to Bel-Ridge prosecuting attorney.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court

None

Public Works – Public Works Director states the John Deere machines need to be towed out of McCoy's. They want it out and we don't want to be charged for it just sitting there. He is directed to leave it there.

Permission is asked to attend upcoming seminars as his role of Flood Plain Administrator for Bel-Ridge. Motion made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderwoman Davis for Cary to attend Flood Plan seminar. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Police Department

Chief T. Sanders presents the following report for January 1, 2023 – February 1, 2023: 320 service calls answered; 41 reports.

Further report of specific incidents that occurred:

Shell Station on Natural Bridge has been burglarized twice.

8335 Natural Bridge – search warrants led to apprehensive of several juvenile offenders. Crime spree has been put to an end and offenders charged.

Flock camera will be placed at Natural Bridge and Hanley Road (Bellerive Acres is the owner). Chief Sanders and City Clerk to work together to invite Flock camera representatives to working session.

Speeders thru the neighborhood – a “zero tolerance” speeding ordinance may be enacted for speeding in the City of Bel-Ridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1454 – an ordinance amending the city’s 2022 budget to reflect changes to revenue, and expenditures, and appropriate funds accordingly.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1454 by caption only made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1454 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Motion to adopt Bill 1454 made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1454, now Ordinance 2023-03.

Bill 1455 – an ordinance authorizing an agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri for the provision of code enforcement services – explosive code.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1455 by caption only, made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1455 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1455 made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1455, now Ordinance 2023-04.

Bill 1456 – an ordinance authorizing an agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri for the provision of code enforcement services – land disturbance code.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1456 by caption only, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1456 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1456 made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1456, now Ordinance 2023-05.

Bill 1457 – an ordinance adopting and enacting the explosives code of St. Louis County as amended as the explosives code of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1457 by caption only made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1457 by caption only by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1457 made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1457, now Ordinance 2023-06.

Bill 1458 – an ordinance for the purpose of establishing minimum regulations for controlling erosion, and sediment from land disturbance activities at construction sites within the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri; providing for the issuance of permits; making of inspections' collection of permit and inspection fees; and providing penalties for the violation thereof through the adoption of the land disturbance code of the St. Louis County, Missouri as the land disturbance code of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1458 by caption made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1458 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1458 made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1458, now Ordinance 2023-07.

City Attorney announces there is no executive session necessary for tonight. He does request a working session on February 16, 2023 and would like to know if there will be a quorum present? All board members except Alderwoman Davis commits to attending the working session.

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderman Watts states Home Depot has donated One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) worth of new Christmas lights to the City of Bel-Ridge and 2 pallets have been delivered.

Mayor Fair states the basement needs cleaning out. He knows someone who will come and get the old computers at no charge. City attorney states city staff authorized to service computers and should be the one to wipe the computers clean.

Alderman Robinson states residents are moving in Bel-Ridge and saying they haven't received trash pick-up information. Discussion held to start informing residents of City of Bel-Ridge ordinances. It is recommended city staff send letters to all residents.

Residents ask when a code enforcement officer will be hired? Board states this matter will be further discussed at working session. City clerk recommends Alderman introduce themselves to new residents in their wards and work with city staff to correct problems and to follow ordinances of the city.

Alderman Tope – Suggests putting stickers on residents' doors that needs inspections/occupancy permits.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

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

February 7, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 20th day of April 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk