

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
TENATIVE WORKSHOP MINTUES
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019
1:00 PM

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 1:05 pm. Attendance was called by City Clerk, Andrea Jones.

Roll Call

Abernathy-	Present
Watts-	Present
Robinson-	Present
Ruff-	Present
Whitaker-	Absent
Tope-	Present
Mayor Fair-	Present

Attorney Katherine O'Henry

Approval of Agenda

Motion for approval of agenda made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Abernathy.

Voice Vote

All in favor/ 0 oppose/ 1 absent

Motion passed for approval of agenda.

Board goes into discussion of inspection invoice received from Mr. Winston. Alderman Watts raises concerns about the invoice billed. Mr. Winston writes citations that goes through the municipal court and City does not always collect on those funds at time of court, however Mr. Winston invoice reflects the city gets a portion.

Alderman Tope questions who gives direction for tall grass inspection. Also, in question that City hired a contractor to cut grass and Winston bills City for tall grass when grass is already scheduled to be cut. Suggestion for communication may be in need between Public Works and Mr. Winston if this is not taking place.

Suggested to get Mr. Winston to next board meeting to answer some questions about his billing.

Demolition Change Order for 3400 N. Hanley Road

Discussion takes place about the warning letter for the change order being sent out in July to make board aware that if the CDBG is not signed off on by October and returned the block grant funds will go back into the pool. The issue is the tap in the middle of the street. The contractor does not want to cover the cost to remove tap. Contract states that the company is responsible for the tap. Attorney will need to see the full contract and do a closed session on Attorney

opinion and advice and then board can make a decision on what to do. No funds have been paid towards this project.

Homestead Program

Alderman Watts have been doing research of procedure for the Homestead Program that was created by previous board. Alderman Watts went through the ordinance with board and its process. Only two houses have been bided out. Only one house 7536 Thelma had an inspection issued telling what needed to be done. The City has not received a follow up inspection before the buyer had moved in, saying this house passed and if electric, plumbing and any other inspections are up to code. The house on Chorman, Mr. Winston did say he had never done an inspection. Mr. Watts spoke to the person that bid on Chorman and communicated about the home having to be brought up to code in a year and that in order to obtain the property he had to live in it. It's now June and nothing hasn't been done to the home and grass had not been cut.

Alderman Watts also discuss the listing of the homes that are on the Homestead list. There will need to be a final inspection on 7536 Thelma. Kory Russell has called the Mayor to sign paperwork to get deed. Mayor states that he did not have information to show that the home has had a final inspection of follow up from initial inspection.

Alderman Watts also mentions that according to ordinance there is suppose to be a Homestead Committee to evaluate the steps and process of the program. Currently there is no committee. Alderman Watts would like to put program on hold until the process is figured out on how to go about proceeding.

Other issues

Alderman Watts discuss issue of laptops from previous board not being turned in. Police reported and gave follow up to board. Alderman Watts states if there is indeed property out that belongs to Bel-Ridge, try and recapture and if not, a detail report need to be placed in a file.

New IT Company update

Last meeting a resolution was passed to appoint STL Net Services LLC. According to Chief, there are certain procedures an individual has to go through if they are needing access to certain records. REJIS and Missouri Highway Patrol have set up a system for background checks on these individuals. Chief had asked some questions and the Attorney has answered and Attorney O'Henry have spoken with MO State Highway Dept. to coordinate to get the New IT in the Building. Attorney O'Henry will check with Chief to make sure everyone is all on the same page. STL Net Services LLC and specifically Jason Wolff are on the Missouri Center list of vendors that have checked out and have gone through the background process and Mo. State Highway have approved. Jason Wolff is already on that listed and owner of STL Net Services LLC.

Alderman Watts speaks on access to complex. Each member of board should have an FOB. Also speaks about entrance to Kitchen.

City clerk mentions that Court Clerk is concerned about her safety. The cameras are all turned off and she is requesting the camera be reactivated in her area. Attorney O'Henry suggest to keep things in order, the city should go ahead and do a resolution listing what cameras are to be

turned back on. Parking Lot, entry hallway to court clerk and a camera inside court clerk office to be reactivated. City Clerk spoke to company and asked what will be needed to turn cameras on and they said all they need is a request.

Alderman Watts asks about budget to plan for future events. Wanted to know if auditors give a report of where they are in collecting information. Was wondering if the City is restricted from doing events.

Alderman Ruff leaves early from meeting time 2:10pm.

Alderman Watts ask for an understanding of who is on the Board of Commission. Attorney O'Henry sent out letters asking when where members appointed, did you replace anyone and the answer received back was, "I don't know". There was not enough information so, Attorney O'Keefe will approach board about appointing nominations. Attorney O'Henry suggested to create a spreadsheet to help keep up with how long people have served on board.

Alderman Abernathy inquired about people doing community service. Attorney O'Henry made board aware that is a municipal issue and Board can not get involved.

Alderman Whitaker announces this has been one of the most productive meeting thus far. Also, in discussion, the board would like the Chief to identify every police officer, because the board would like to know who the officers are.

Alderman Watts mentions recent house fire and a police officer involved in a car accident that totaled one of the department vehicles.

Alderman Tope mentions that we need to get started on the annual audit and would like to see if our current auditor if they are interested and submit a proposal and advertise for proposals. Also, wanted to get with accountant to make sure TIF is in a separate account.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Robinson makes a motion to close open session and go into closed session and Alderman Whitaker makes second for 610.021(1) Legal Actions, Causes of Action, Litigation or Privileged Communications between the City's representatives and its attorneys.

Roll Call

Whitaker-	Yes
Robinson-	Yes
Tope-	Yes
Abernathy-	Yes
Watts-	Yes
Ruff-	Absent

Motion passed

Time: 12:50 pm

The June 25, 2019 Working Session meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 3rd day of September 2019.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk

