

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, January 8, 2019
6:02 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was called by City Clerk Andrea Jones.

Roll Call

Alderman Abernathy - Present
Alderman Nelson - Absent
Alderman Brown - Present
Alderman Russell - Present
Alderman Ruff - Present
Alderman Tope - Present
Mayor Fair - Present

Also in attendance were Attorney Stephen Martin, Public Works Director, Cary Herndon and City Inspector, Raymond Winston.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Brown motioned to approve agenda and Alderman Ruff seconded.

Voice vote on the motion to approve the agenda were 5 in favor/1 opposed.

Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Untable Business License for Empire Auto Service

Applicant is present. City Clerk gives an update on the application. All necessary paperwork had been received. Alderman Ruff questions the type of business. Further discussion held. Alderman Brown motioned to approved the business license for Empire Auto Service, pending all necessary inspections. Alderman Abernathy seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on the motion to approve Empire Autor Service business license, pending all necessary inspections carried unanimously.

Untable Approval of 2018 Minutes for March 14 and August 14

Mayor requests motion to approve the 2018 minutes of 3/14/18 and 8/14/18. Alderman Brown motioned to un-table and Alderman Abernathy seconded. Discussion held regarding the minutes. Alderman Tope states the minutes contain criminal acts – regarding falsifying of records. The minutes are not what the Board on in the past. Bill 1351 is different than the bill that was signed. Board has turbulent discussion regarding alteration of documents. Alderman Tope states the signed bill in the Code Book was not voted on by the Board. Chief Harris is questioned by Alderman Tope about having an employee who testified falsely under oath during a deposition about Bill 1351, which was not signed by the Board. Alderman Ruff motioned to stop discussion and table regarding approval of 3/14/18 and 8/14/18 minutes. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion.

Voice vote on the motion to stop discussion and table approval of 3/14/18 and 8/14/18 minutes were 4 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion passed.

Alderman Tope motions to get special prosecutor to investigate actions regarding Bill 1351. Alderman Abernathy seconded motion.

ROLL CALL

Abernathy	Yes
Brown	No
Nelson	No
Ruff	No
Russell	No
Tope	Yes

2 Yes/ 04No

Motion to appoint special prosecutor to investigate actions regarding Bill 1351 denied.

NEW BUSINESS

Homestead Bids

One bid on 2914 Hammond was received from Darion Green. Discussion held regarding the program and process. Alderman Brown motioned to approve bid received for 2914 Hammond. Alderman Ruff seconded the motion.

Voice vote on the motion to approve bid on 2914 Hammond carried unanimously.

Three bids on 8610 Wales were received by the City. The highest bidder was Darryl Robinson. Discussion held regarding the process. Alderman Ruff motioned to table this item. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion.

Voice vote on the motion to table the bids for 8610 Wales were 4 in favor/2 opposed.

Approval for City Clerk to Be Member Rep Contact with MOPERM

Mayor requests a motion to approve the City Clerk to be the MOPERM contact for the City, removing Alderman Tope as the contact person. Alderman Brown motioned to approve the City Clerk to become MOPERM contact. Alderman Abernathy seconded the motion.

Voice vote on the motion to approve City Clerk become MOPERM contact and remove Alderman Tope carried unanimously.

Discussion of Attorney General Letter About Complaint

Mayor asks for update concerning a resident's complaint to the Attorney General regarding a sewer lateral application. City Clerk talks to the current state of the complaint. Inspector Winston explains the situation to the Board. Complainant requests refund of application fee. Alderman Brown motioned to deny return of application fee to the complainant. Motion was seconded by Alderman Nelson.

Voice vote on the motion to deny return of application fee to the complainant carried unanimously.

Discuss and Approve New Software for City Hall

City Clerk and Police Chief speaks to software needs and bids. Bid from Elliott were disbursed. Board asks questions, discussion held. City Clerk to contact additional vendors. Alderman Ruff motioned to approve Elliott bid. Alderman Abernathy seconded the motion.

Voice vote to approve Elliott bid carried unanimously.

Alderman Ruff motioned to table new software for the City. Alderman Nelson seconded the motion.

Voice vote to table carried unanimously.

Approval of Bill No. 1371 Authorizing Contract Between City and Landmark Dodge Chrysler

Chief Harris explains the contract. Already approved, no additional cars, just need the ordinance. Alderman Tope asks if police has to go to Kansas City to get the cars. Chief responds not unless City wants to pay the delivery fees. Alderman Russell motioned to first read by caption only. Alderman Ruff seconded motion.

First read by caption only by Attorney Martin.

Alderman Russell motioned to second read by caption only. Alderman Ruff seconded the motion.

Second read by caption only by Attorney Martin. Bill # 1371 now Ordinance 2019-01 establishing contract between City and Landmark Dodge Chrysler.

Alderman Russell makes a motion to approve the contract between City and Landmark Dodge Chrysler and Alderman Ruff seconded motion.

Roll Call

Abernathy	Yes
Brown	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Russell	Yes
Tope	Yes

6 Yes/ 0 No

Motion passed to approve the contract between City and Landmark Dodge Chrysler.

Bill # 1371 now becomes ordinance 2019-01.

Approval of County Academy Training Payment – Police Department

Chief Harris is asking to pay County Academy, which is paid every year. Beginning January 1, 2019, it's \$150 per officer -- \$2400 for the year. Alderman Russell asks if it comes out of Prop P. Chief Harris states it comes out of the training funds and is currently sufficient. Alderman Russell motions to approve County Academy Training payment. Alderman Ruff seconded the motion.

Voice vote to approve payment to County Academy Training was 4 yes/2 no. Motion passed.

Approval of Employee Contract – Police Department

Chief Harris states it's common for police chiefs and assistant police chiefs to have a contract with the City. Alderman Tope states this is highly irregular with a new mayor. Discussion among Board regarding length of the contract. City Attorney speaks to the fact the contract is not unusual, contract is proper. Alderman Brown motions to approve employee contract. Alderman Ruff seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Abernathy	No
Brown	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Russell	Yes
Tope	No

4 Yes/ 2 No

Motion passed to approve police chief and assistant police employee contract.

Discussion of 2901 North Hanley

Alderman Russell states it will be a good location for tutoring kids, exercising – a multiplex outside the courtroom. It would be ran by volunteers. Alderman Abernathy states there is no parking. Discussion held concerning the condition of the building. Mayor would like the Board to meet at

the location for inspection. Alderman Abernathy motions to table until after inspection. Alderman Ruff seconds the motion.

Voice vote to table discussion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Acknowledgement of December 2018 Bills

Alderman Tope asks who authorized Mr. Russell to receive a paycheck. Alderman Russell says to ask the Mayor. Attorney Martin states if it's an hourly rate, must be approved by the Board. Alderman Nelson motions to table discussion. Alderman Ruff seconded motion.

Voice vote to table discussion were 4 Yes/2 No. Motion passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tommy Tabb – Thanked everyone and the workers for the work on St. Henry Lane. Streets are not completely finished so parking is messed up. I received a ticket for parking in my yard and was not told to move car back after the street was repaired. Detective Strong and Police Department will handle ticket.

Houssein Al-Eidan – Tried to sell the property, was unsuccessful. Looking into opening a food place. Topic to be put on a future agenda for further discussion. Alderman Ruff asks if he's running a business from his personal residence.

Jerome Robinson – Cats in the neighborhood continue to tear up everything and destroy property. Alderman Russell suggest calling Animal Control. Mr. Robinson also states police officers harass residents and aren't professional.

Julia Anderson -- Questioned extra paychecks received by Alderman Russell, Alderman Brown and Alderman Ruff. City Clerk answered questions. Ms. Anderson stated there is established nepotism.

Darryl -- Spoke on St. Henry Street and the problems there, tickets received and lack of communication during the entire process. He stated there is a problem in the cul-de-sac that needs looking at/inspected.

David Janowski – He has opposition to cameras in the park as it violates privacy. Mayor states it's a public park and they're there for vandalism and such.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Safety – Alderman Russell --- There will be health fair in February for the City of Bel-Ridge (9 am – 12 pm). Different tests and screenings will be offered.

Code Enforcement – Raymond Winston --- Completed Springwood Apartments inspections. Lots of violations and they are still moving people into apartments. It's at a standstill as it's now in the courts. Recommends shut down until repairs are completed.

Police Department – Chief Harris --- Police Department is having a Donuts with Cops on February 2, 2019 at JMC Donuts.

Public Works – Cary Herndon --- Mary Marks moving along. 14 days before driving on it. Getting ready for audit in 8 months. Alderman Russell to call Gamma to tree cutting completion.

Parks – Alderman Abernathy --- Alderman Abernathy to contact 24:1 for walk thru for grants.

City Attorney – Attorney Martin --- No new litigation has been filed.

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Russell makes a motion to adjourn and Alderman Abernathy seconds.

Voice Vote

All in Favor 6 Yes/ 0 No

Motion Passed to Adjourn the meeting

Meeting End time at 8:20 pm

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

January 8, 2019, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 2nd day of July, 2019.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk

