

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
TUESDAY, January 7, 2020
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was called by City Clerk Andrea Jones.

Roll Call

Alderman Abernathy	- Present
Alderman Watts	- Absent **arrives late
Alderman Tope	- Present
Alderman Ruff	- Present
Alderman Whitaker	- Present
Alderman Robinson	- Present
Mayor Fair	- Present

Also in attendance were Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Robinson motioned to approve agenda change and Alderman Tope seconded.

Voice vote on the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Motion Passed.

UNTABLE MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor requests motion and second to untable minutes for approval of October 23, 2019, August 12, 2019, August 27, 2019 and September 3, 2019 minutes. Alderman Robinson moves to approve the aforementioned minutes. Alderman Abernathy seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on the motion to approve aforementioned meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Code Enforcement Update with Reyna Spencer 24:1

Reyna Spencer of Beyond Housing makes presentation of updating code enforcement to 2015. They are taking on the expense for the update. Packets of information are distributed to the Board. Debbie Irving talks about the code updates. She has already updated the codes for each municipality. Along with the updated codes, training opportunities will be offered. Discussion between presenters and the Board held. Resolution must be passed for updated codes. Townhall meeting should be held if this route is to be taken. Details concerning the training opportunities explained to the Board.

Approval for Home Daycare

Stephanie May of Children Matter LLC, appeared before the Board for approval of a business license. She has submitted all required paperwork. Motion to approve business license made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. Voice vote on the motion to approve the business license application carried unanimously. Motion Passed.

Discussion of Omni Tree Contract/Beyond Housing – Doug Seely

Doug Seely of Beyond Housing is present to answer questions concerning the Omni Tree Contract. Questions and answers, along with discussion held. Process of company selected to perform the services are explained to the Board by Doug Seely. Specific trees discussed – city-owned versus privately owned, as well as identification of the trees to be serviced by pruning and/or tree removal. Mr. Seely to identify and mark the trees and send to Board members. City attorney to review contract and to be put on February agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-A Approving an Agreement With VOICEPRO INC. For Communications Services For City of Bel-Ridge

Revised draft with proposed changes are now attached to the Agreement. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-A made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy. Voice vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-A carried unanimously. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-B Approving An Agreement With Institute For Building Technology and Safety To Be The City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri's Building Commissioner And to Provide Building Inspection Services for The City

Revisions have been made to the Agreement and changes have been agreed to and the revised contract has been accepted. These revisions will now be Exhibit A to the Resolution 2020-B. Recommendation for approval. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-B made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy. Discussion held.

Roll Call

Abernathy	Yes
Watts	Yes
Tope	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Yes

6 yes/0 oppose

Motion passed to adopt Resolution No. 2020-B Approving an Agreement with Institute for Building Technology and Safety to be the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri's Building Commissioner and to Provide Building Inspection Services for the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #1398 Reauthorizing a Contract Between the City of Bel-Ridge Police Department and St. Louis County for the Purpose of Utilizing the County's Coordinated Communications Services

Discussion held. There is a rate increase and will be locked in for 5 years.

Alderman Watts moves to approve the reading of Bill Number 1398 for the first time. Seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and 6 approved. Attorney O'Keefe reads.

Motion to approve second reading made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and 6 approved. Attorney O'Keefe reads.

Alderman Abernathy makes a motion to adopt Bill 1398 and Alderman Watts seconded.

Roll Call

Abernathy	Yes
Watts	Yes
Tope	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Yes

6 Yes/0 oppose

Motion passed Bill 1398 to Ordinance 2020-1.

Acknowledgment of December Bills.

Motion to approve paid December bills made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson. Voice vote on the motion to approve paid December bills carried unanimously. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Harris --- Chief Harris talks about DCRA (Death in Custody Reporting Act). St. Louis County asks if Bel-Ridge will comply with the guidelines. If no compliance, police department loses funding. Bel-Ridge will comply.

Parks – Alderman Abernathy --- Alderman Abernathy thanks everyone who helped with the Christmas party and Santa's visit.

City Attorney – Attorney O'Keefe --- Ms. Henry has compiled information concerning all properties under the Homestead Program. Also, discussion held as to a regular schedule for Board working meetings. Decided it will be 6 pm on 3rd Thursday of the month. Attorney to draft an ordinance.

Public Works – Cary Herndon --- Director Cary Herndon talks about the sidewalk on Maybelle concerning two water shutoffs. Residents have tripped. Discussion held concerning liability of this situation, deciding it is a homeowner's issue.

Mayor Fair --- No report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Darryl Robinson – Mr. Robinson asks the question who will be pay for the removal of trees on St. Henry Lane that is not City property. Discussion held. Next, his question is will the inspector from IBTS be paid for travel expenses and the Board answers no. He also asks with regards to Springwood Apartments, whether the process start all over and continue from where the previous inspector ended. The Board answer the process will continue where previous inspector ended.

Robbin Russell – Mrs. Russell would like to clarify that she has no financial responsibility to the City of Bel-Ridge. If there is any documentation, she would like to be informed. The Board answers there is none to their knowledge.

Janice Osby – Ms. Osby states there has been a dog roaming around the neighborhood for the last month. 3441 Ranch Avenue is where the dog lives. It is a big dog, a bullmaster. The police department responds that St. Louis Animal Control took the dog and the owner was cited. Owner paid the fine and took the dog home. Officer asks resident to call each time the dog is seen so that a complete record can be established and maintained.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Attorney states the City's budget is due immediately and the accountant has asked that a Board member be available to meet with them. Alderman Watts is nominated and volunteers to be point person for the meeting.

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Watts makes a motion to adjourn and Alderman Robinson seconds.

Voice Vote to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

Motion Passed to Adjourn the meeting

Meeting End time at 7:28 pm

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

January 7, 2020 board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 17th
day of July, 2020.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk

