

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call	<u>Board of Aldermen Present</u>	<u>Board of Aldermen Absent</u>
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Alderman Davis
Alderman Watts
Alderwoman Tope
Alderwoman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to approve the agenda for July 6, 2021, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve Corrected May 4, 2021 minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor voted received.

Motion to approve June 1, 2021 minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Tiffany Jackson – Business Owner --- Ms. Jackson states she noticed houses were torn down by her business and she asked whether any of the vacant lots would be available for purchase or remain vacant? The Mayor responds that after demolition is complete, the Board will decide what to do with the lots. He states Ms. Jackson can contact the City Clerk and she will have the results of the Board's decision concerning the lots.

Debra Wilkins --- North Hanley Road – Ms. Wilkins asks whether the discussion concerning the audit was going to be had tonight. Mayor answers no. Ms. Wilkins states it was supposed to carry over to this meeting and the auditor was going to talk tonight. Alderman Watts states our accountant was

supposed to come and talk budgetary items but had a conflict tonight. Ms. Wilkins states the Board is saying we're in a deficit, but we're still spending money. She says the Board is not keeping your word.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

June 2021 Disbursements – No action taken

CITY ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

None

CITY CLERK REPORTS

New Bid Package for SWT Design; Jay Wohlschlaeger – Jay Wohlschlaeger makes a presentation to the Board. He gives an update on the development of the bid documents concerning the park construction package. Mr. Wohlschlaeger distributes site plans. Discussion held between the Board and Mr. Wohlschlaeger, as he walks through the plans. The overall goal is to have it out to bid by end of July and we'd like to be back here end of August or September meeting with contract recommendation.

Public Hearing for the Allocation of 2020 and 2021 CDBG Grant Funds --- City Clerk states St. Louis County said we have to have another public hearing for the 2020 CDBG Grant Funds due to possible conflict of interest. City Clerk also states we need to address the 2021 CDBG Grant Funds also at the same time, as St. Louis County says no late applications. Discussion held as to possible dates. July 22 chosen as date for public hearing meeting for 2020 and 2021 CDBG Grants. Thirty-eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$38,100.00) per year is the amount of the grants.

Retention of Police Clerk (Hank Kick) – City Clerk states we need to amend the agenda for discussion of this topic. Attorney states the Board can discuss this topic in closed session and a motion to amend is needed. Alderman Tope motions to table the topic of Retention of Police Clerk (Hank Kick) and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- No
Alderman Watts - No
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- No
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion Fails.

Alderman Watts makes motion to amend agenda to move this topic to the end of the meeting and to discuss topic of Retention of Police Clerk (Hank Kick) in closed session and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. 3 yes, 2 no. **Motion passed.**

Disclosure of Sealed Bids For:

2901 North Hanley Road --- 5 bids received

Ann Hawthorne	25,000.00
Kenneth Robinson	\$6,501.00
Aaron/Ashley Williams	\$7,000.00
Darryl Robinson	\$10,500.00
Adrian Jeffries	\$2,000.00

8926 Higginson --- 4 bids received

Jay Selby	\$1,501.00
James Tureck	\$7,500.00
David Ware	\$2,500.00
Aaron/Ashley Williams	\$5,000.00

9156 Loganberry --- 4 bids received

Darryl Robinson	\$1,000.00
Kenneth Robinson	\$3,501.00
Jamal Henderson	\$1,501.00
David Webb	\$2,510.00

Motion to accept highest bid on 2901 North Hanley Road made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderwoman Davis. Alderman Watts opposes. Motion passes.

Motion to accept highest bid on 8926 Higginson made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Whitaker. Alderman Watts opposes. Motion passes.

Motion to accept highest bid on 9156 Loganberry made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Whitaker. Alderman Watts opposes. Motion passes.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – None

Police Department – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021 (R), amending Resolution 2021-Q and authorizing the opening of a new bank account for the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri for the receipt of monies in connection with the American Relief Fund, to include the following names and titles: Willie Fair, Mayor; Andrea L. Jones, City Clerk; Michele Graham, Accountant, and Karen Moore, Administrative Assistant.

Motion made to amend by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

BILLS

Bill 1424- authorizing the Mayor to purchase certain pieces of information technology equipment from Bergman Consulting Services.

Motion to table made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received.

Bill 1425- amending Ordinance No. 2021-10 and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a revised contract and Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Normandy, Missouri to provide police services to the City of Bel-Ridge.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1425 by caption only authorizing the Mayor to enter into a revised contract and Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Normandy, Missouri to provide police services to the City of Bel-Ridge made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1425 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts for Bill 1425 to become Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion passed for Bill 1425, now Ordinance 2021-13.

Alderman Watts makes the suggestion that the Board sit down with the staff to go over Bill 1425; how they're impacted and current procedures. City Clerk is asked to get the staff together for a July 22nd staff meeting.

Alderwoman Davis states that fireworks are left all over the streets. Discussion held concerning fireworks problem and solutions.

Alderman Watts asks the question: While Normandy Police are occupying Bel-Ridge facilities, will they provide police services such as tow releases, police reports, etc.?

Alderwoman Davis asks the question concerning Code Enforcement Officer's duties. City Clerk states she was told Bel-Ridge needs to provide their own police clerk. Discussion held concerning police services and code enforcement officer duties.

Resident asks when notice was given to residents concerning the police contract. Board responds that there was a town hall meeting and also the topic was on the agenda that was posted

ADJOURN AND HOLD CLOSED MEETING

Motion to adjourn and go into closed session made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion passed to go into closed session at 6:49 pm.

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

July 6, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this
10th day of August 2021.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk

July 6, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes taken by Andrea Jones, City Clerk