

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
TUESDAY, June 4, 2019
6:10 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was called by City Clerk Andrea Jones.

Roll Call

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

Also in attendance were Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Public and Works Director, Cary Herndon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Abernathy motioned to approve agenda and Alderman Robinson seconded.

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

Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mayor requests motion and second for approval of April 22, 2019 – Special Meeting; May 7, 2019 – Board Meeting; May 8, 2019 – Board of Adjustment Meeting; September 4, 2018 – Board Meeting and September 18, 2018 – Special Meeting. Alderman Abernathy to approved the aforementioned minutes. Alderman Robinson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Passed.

Resident Kenneth Robinson asks the question if there was anyone that does property lines. His neighbor calls a specific officer each time who gets hostile with Mr. Robinson. Officer took his ID. Resident has everything on camera and is fearful for his life. Chief Harris is questioned and gives a synopsis of the situation. Discussion held between resident, Chief Harris and the Board. Detective Strong indicates he will address and deal with all of the resident's issues personally.

Correction to Resolution 2019-4.

Resolution 2019-4 should be corrected to read/documented as 2019-F for the bank account signatures. Board directs necessary corrections made.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval For Reactivation of Security Cameras

Mayor requests City Clerk to prepare report for the Board to discuss security cameras in future meeting.

Approval of Resolution For a New IT Service Company

Alderman Tope introduces Resolution 2019-G. Discussion held concerning new IT company. Chief Harris asks who the new company will provide service for. Mayor responds for everything. Chief Harris states no felons may have police access. Alderman Tope motioned to approve Resolution 2019-G authorizing Mayor to engage services of new IT Company. Alderman Abernathy seconded the motion.

Voice vote on the motion to approve Resolution 2019-G for new IT Company Services carries unanimously.

Motion Passed.

Approval of REJIS New Software For Prosecutors

Trudy Reason gives presentation concerning the software used with Show Me Courts for uploading citations and creating Recommendations by the Prosecuting Attorney. The cost is \$1,800 annually with a one time set up cost of \$450. There also will be a \$.50 cent per ticket cost. These fees are according to number of citations issued. Alderman Watts motioned to approve the REJIS new software for prosecutors. Motion was seconded by Alderman Abernathy.

Voice vote on the motion to approve REJIS new software for Prosecutors carried unanimously.

Motion Passed.

Approval to Upgrade Copier and Renew Contract with Sumner One

City Clerk and Police Chief speak to copier needs and the renewal of our copier contract with Sumner One. Alderman Tope motioned to approve copier upgrade and to renew contract. Alderman Whitaker seconded the motion.

Voice vote to approve copier upgrade and to renew contract carried unanimously.

Motion Passed.

Discussion of Attorney Stephen Martin Bill Invoice, May 7, 2019

Discussion held regarding the May 7, 2019 bill invoice received from Attorney Stephen Martin. Alderman Watts motioned to table discussion regarding Attorney Stephen Martin's May 7, 2019 invoice bill. Alderman Abernathy seconded motion.

Voice vote to table discussion regarding May 7, 2019 bill invoice of Attorney Stephen Martin carried unanimously.

Motion Passed.

Mayor to Appoint Nominees For Planning and Zoning and Park Board

Mayor request reading of nominees for Planning and Zoning Board and the Park Board, City Clerk reads names of nominees. Discussion held as to the uncertainty of term of office for members of the board. Research to be completed and report compiled for the Board as to status of term of office of board members for next meeting. Alderman Abernathy motions to table. Alderman Ruff seconded the motion.

Voice vote to table carried unanimously.

Motion Passed.

Discussion of CDBG Plan Decision

Discussion held among the Board as to which program the City will apply the funds, demolition or home improvement. Alderman Tope motions to approve the demolition program. Alderman Abernathy seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Abernathy	Yes
Watts	No
Tope	Yes
Ruff	No
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Absent

3 Yes/ 2 No

Motion passed to approve demolition program with CDBG funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Harris --- Chief Harris reports seat belt violation activity. There have been 46 citations issued. Detective Strong reports on gun violence activity, which the department is currently monitoring. These cases are going straight for federal charges, trying to keep neighborhoods safe. The department is also monitoring trespassing and burglary heavily. Chief Harris states DWI enforcement will occur during the Independence Day holiday. Police presence will be thick throughout the City July 3rd through July 10th.

Public Works – Cary Herndon --- Director Cary Herndon reports they have cut 10-15 trees out on 3400 Springdale Avenue and it looks good. Cary also distributed packets with price estimates for the salt bend that is needed. An audit by D&R is upcoming. Discussion held regarding the salt bend.

Parks – Alderman Abernathy --- Alderman Abernathy requests her title be changed to Parks and Recreation. She also states the last day of school is June 26 and the school would like an outing in the park. There will be no cost to Bel-Ridge. There will be 100 students, 10 teachers and volunteers. They are bringing their own lunch. Alderman Abernathy asks for a \$500 budget for the park clean up. The fraternity will do the cleaning. Public Works Director recommends painting the picnic tables/bathrooms. Clean up not will not cost \$500.

City Attorney – Attorney O’Keefe --- No report.

Mayor Fair --- No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Acknowledgement of Paid May 2019 Bills

Alderman Ruff motions to approve paid May 2019 bills. Alderman Whitaker seconded motion.

Voice vote to approve paid May 2019 bills carried unanimously.

Motion passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Julia Anderson – Resident questions whether the computers that were issued to previous board members have been returned. Detective Strong states he spoke to those former members and two were returned. One stated theirs was broken and discarded. Resident asks if they are responsible for the costs? Ms. Anderson states the Code Book states board member terms are one year. Terms will be checked for clarification. Resident states a car has been parked on Natural Bridge for 3 months with no license plates and no tickets were issued. Police only comes around day before Board Meeting.

Manson Graves – Question to Chief Harris: What is a police report and what is it used for? If a police report is filed fraudulently, what is the penalty? Chief responds that if a false police report

is filed, what is the recourse? Discussion held. Alderman Tope requests resident to file a formal complaint.

Darryl Robinson – Addresses demolition of house on Hanley Road that has been previously worked on. How much is needed to complete demolition of the house. Also, can we get no trespass signs? Detective Strong addresses the issue.

Beyond Housing -- Ms. Spencer, Beyond Housing representative and Bel-Ridge resident, speaks about the Homestead Project. Bel-Ridge has 13 properties, which may be purchased for \$27.00. Bel-Ridge can sell, auction, however you decide, the properties.

Code Enforcement – Ms. Spencer stated that municipalities are merging together for code enforcement services. People can apply for training and will become certified.

Health Insurance --- municipalities have come together and merged for health insurance to lower the costs to employees.

Mary Mans -- In light of the mass shooting in Virginia, the cameras need to be reactivated. We spent \$40,000 and need to be used, should not be a though. Discussion held. Alderman Tope states City has a system that is being used. Resident throws microphone down.

Rebecca Cogshell – Ms. Cogshell reads document regarding appointment of Planning and Zoning members, dated July 17, 2014. Resident also talks about Ameren UE's responsibility to keep grass cut in their section of the street behind her resident. Director Cary Herndon states he has called Ameren UE and put in a complaint. Still not cut. Mayor directs him to contact Ameren UE again.

Motion to Hold Closed Meeting

Alderman Abernathy motions to hold closed meeting. Alderman Whitaker seconds the motion.

Roll Call

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

3 yes/ 3 absent

There was not a quorum and closed meeting was not held.

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Voice Vote to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

Motion Passed to Adjourn the meeting

Meeting End time at 7:40 pm

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

June 4, 2019, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 2nd
day of July, 2019.

Andrea L. Jones
City Clerk

