

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR
TUESDAY, JUNE 05TH, 2018
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was called by Deputy Clerk, Jacqueline Jones. The new City Clerk, Andrea Jones was present also.

ATTENDANCE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Also present was City Attorney, Steve Martin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fair requested the approval of the agenda. It was many different agendas discussed. Mayor Fair requested that everyone respect everyone or they would be dismissed from the meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Nelson and seconded by Alderman Russell to approve the agenda. (THIS MOTION WAS NEVER VOTED ON).

A motion was made by Alderman Ruff and seconded by Alderman Russell to go by the agenda from last month. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Steve Martin asked the Deputy clerk if the information that Mayor Fair wanted was posted on the agenda. The clerk replied, yes. Mr. Martin informed

the board that's the agenda that we should go by. The one that was posted recently.

Attorney Sims states that the Mayor is to set the agenda.

Ana Leon-Reyes, owner of JMC Donuts LLC, gave the Mayor and Board of Alderman some background on her plans for opening a donut shop in the City of Bel-Ridge. The location will be 8626 Natural Bridge Rd. Ms. Leon-Reyes will be serving coffee, lunch, breakfast and donuts.

A motion was made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the business license for JMC Donuts, LLC after all inspections are completed and approved. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Anthony Osborne, owner of Remember When Antiques at 8958 Natural Bridge Rd., informed the Mayor and the Board of Alderman's that he was taken over the Antiques shop known as Jennifer's and was requesting permission to continue the Antiques shop as the new owner. The landlord is handling all the inspections.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Brown to approved the business license for Remember When Antiques, after all inspections and fire inspections are completed and approved. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor. **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC HEARING ON CBDG GRANT FOR THE YEARS 2018 & 2019

Alderman Brown gave some background on a meeting that took place regarding the \$38,100 CBDG fund for 2019 and what the CBDG fund for 2018 was used for. Alderman Brown was requesting to hear from the resident on St. Henry, because there is another project "Lights" that the funding could be used for.

Mitch Marku, from the Saint Louis County Planning gave some information regarding what the CBDG could be used for. 2017 funds where for St. Henry. 2018 was allocated for street projects, which could include St. Henry, as well. 2019 will come out in the fall of next year and can be used for; city improvements (sidewalks etc.), removal of buildings, public services (crime prevention, child care

and education), energy conservation, residents in risk of being homeless, home buyer assistance, trash and debris assistance. There is also a home improvement program with a \$5000.00 forgivable loan with guidelines and only certain issues are covered under the project. The 2018 funds may be revised. And a vote is needed on the allocation of the 2019 funds.

2016 funds are already under contract for demolition purposes. 2017 is for St. Henry Lane and 2018 are under discussion to attach to St. Henry Lane. It was already approved for the street light project. But the funding will not be available until the fall. 2019 needs to be approved by June 29, 2018. If there is a balance from the funds, there will need to be another public hearing before the funds can be relocated.

A motion was made by Alderman Nelson and seconded by Alderman Russell to close the public hearing. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor. **Motion passed. Public Hearing closed at 5:57pm. All residents were reminded to sign the public hearing CBDG sign-in sheet.**

A motion was made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Abernathy to move the grant votes up. (THIS MOTION WAS NOT VOTED ON.)

A motion was made by Alderman Nelson and seconded by Alderman Russell to reallocate the CBDG funding for 2018 street lighting project to St. Henry Lane project. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	aye
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	aye

6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed**

A motion was made by Alderman Nelson and seconded by Alderman Brown to allocate the CBDG funding for 2019 into the St. Henry funds for street improvement. (THIS MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN)

Rachel White was asked by an Alderman to speak on the CBDG funds. Palladian submitted options for St. Henry. Look at all 6 projects. Three of the projects are;

1. Curbing
2. Micro surfacing
3. Total gut and laying of concrete.

There are three more options available. The drains are out dated and do not catch water properly. Ms. White suggest that the resident of St. Henry be involved in the decision. MSD will need to be called in and it will take more that \$38,000 for the project.

A resident from St. Henry suggested that the points Ms. White spoke of be talked about with the Mayor and the board. All she sees is disrespect right now. This is why she does not come to meetings. The meeting should be about the residents. The City has went from sugar to shit.

A motion was made by Alderman Nelson and seconded by Alderman Brown to allocate the CBDG 2019 funds into a general street improvement fund. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	aye
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	aye

6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Abernathy question City Attorney, Steve Martin in regards to what was being voted on for bills 1350, 1353, and 1354.

Mr. Martin replied the vote is on agreeing or disagreeing with the Mayor to veto these bills. No means to sub stain and yes means to veto.

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL 1350 – AN ORDINANCE STATING THE CONDITIONS BY WHICH POLICE OFFICERS MAY BE TERMINATED BY THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE

A motion was made by Alderman Ruff and seconded by Alderman Russell on the reconsideration of Bill 1350. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	nay
Tope	-	nay

3 ayes, 3 nays, 0 absent. Due to the tie Mayor Fair's vote was taken and recorded as nay. **THE MOTION TO VETO DID NOT PASS. BILL 1350 IS SUB STAINED.**

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL 1353 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE, MISSOURI, REPEALING AND REPLACING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECTION 200.030 OF THE BEL-RIDGE CITY CODE REGARDING THE PROMULGATION OF POLICE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Nelson whether to override the Mayor's veto. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	yes
Nelson	-	nay
Ruff	-	nay
Russell	-	nay
Tope	-	nay

1 aye, 5 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION TO VETO DID NOT PASS. BILL 1353 IS SUB STAINED.**

RECONSIDERATION OF BILL 1354 – AN ORINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN FULL-TIME CITY OF BEL-RIDGE POLICE/CITY DEPARTMENT EMPOLYEEES, ANDDD EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Nelson whether to override the Mayor's veto. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	nay
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	nay
Tope	-	nay

2 ayes, 4 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION TO VETO DID NOT PASS BILL 1354 IS SUB STAINED.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-M APPOINTING AS CITY CLERK TO THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE, MO, ANDREA JONES

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff to approve Andrea Jones as City Clerk. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY CLERK

Ms. Andrea Jones thanked the Board of Alderman and the residents. And gave some background regarding herself.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING MAYOR FAIR & CITIZEN BOARD

Alderman Russell informed the residents that this was pertaining to the Citizen Board. It is usually organized by the Police Department. It can not just be put together by anyone or officials. The Police Department are the ones who interact with the citizen.

Mayor Fair informed the Board that, that was not a Citizen Board. Those people were just concerned about him. This is why they were with him. Most of the time he has someone with him so he can have a witness of what go on.

Alderman Abernathy suggested that someone from the Citizen Board inform the residents why the Citizen Board was organized.

Alderman Ruff asked if there were any members of the Citizen Board present.

Henry Watts, resident of the City of Bel-Ridge informed the Board that he was not a member of the Citizen Board, but he was present to listen. There was a St. Louis County officer present also. The group was there just to listen. The letter given to

Chief Harris, to his knowledge, was a letter of suspension pending investigation. Mr. Watts mentioned that the letter spoke of insubordinations by Chief Harris.

Alderman Brown read the letter from Mayor Fair to Chief Harris. The letter mentioned that Mayor Fair did asked for Chief Harris badge, and weapon. Alderman Brown asked Mayor Fair to explain the letter to the Board and the Citizen.

Mr. Castrogiovanni was escorted out of the meeting. Alderman Ruff motioned that he be escorted back into the meeting.

BILL 1357 – AN ORDINANCE STATING THE DATES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2018.

A motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Russell to table Bill 1357. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION PASSED (TABLED)**

BILL 1358 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 110.180 REGARDING SPECIAL MEETING

City Attorney, Steve Martin gave some background on Bill 1358.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Nelson for the first reading of Bill 1358, by title only. City Attorney, Steve Martin, read Bill 1358 by title only. A roll call vote was as follows:

Abernathy	-	aye
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff for the seconded reading for Bill 1358, by title only. City Attorney, Steve Martin, read Bill 1358 a second time by title only. A roll call vote was as follows:

Abernathy - nay

Brown - aye

Nelson - aye

Ruff - aye

Russell - aye

Tope - **Alderman Tope's vote was overlooked.**

4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent, 1 oversight. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Tope stopped the vote to inform the Board that they were in violation of the State Statute. The Mayor is to preside over the meeting and the President of the Alderman only steps in when the Mayor is not available.

Attorney Martin informed the residents that Bill 1358 shows the guidelines for calling a special meeting. This Bill is due to meetings in the past where people did not show up or there were not enough people present. Bill 1358 shows the procedures by which a special meeting can be called. The ordinance is setting a process up. The Mayor and the President of the Alderman have to agree or three (3) Alderman. This gives everyone a voice an opportunity to have a say so in the calling of a meeting. Attorney Martin ended with if you vote "yes" that means that you agree with this process and "no" means you disagree.

Alderman Brown motion that Bill 1358 be tabled, due to the word "consent"

Alderman Russell asked why this Bill came to be. Attorney Martin informed Alderman Russell it was due to people not showing up for the meeting. Alderman Russell informed Attorney Martin that Mayor Fair just got into office and called a meeting. Some of the Alderman do work. In the past we have been called and we all agree on the date of the meeting or not. There was even a calendar where we could state if we were available. Alderman Ruff agreed.

Alderman Abernathy was asked by Alderman Tope if she found that statement to be true. Alderman Abernathy, responded "NO."

A motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Ruff to table Bill 1358. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	aye
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	nay
Tope	-	aye

5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. **Motion passed. Bill 1358 was TABLED. All prior votes were withdrawn.**

BILL 1360 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 115.020 REGARDING APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

City Attorney, Steve Martin, gave some background on the Bill. And it applies with the State Statute. No one can be fired without following the State Statute and Ordinances.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Brown for the first reading of Bill 1360 by title only. Bill 1360 was read by City Attorney, Steve Martin, by title only. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	aye
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff for the second reading of Bill 1360 by caption only. Bill 1360 was read by City Attorney, Steve Martin, by caption only. A roll call vote was as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed**

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff to adopt. Bill 1360. A roll call vote was as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed. Bill 1360 becomes Ordinance 2018-18**

BILL 1361 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 210.590 REGARDING SMOKING ON CITY PROPERTY

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff for the first reading of Bill 1361 by title only. Bill 1361 was read for a first time by title only by City Attorney, Steve Martin. A roll call vote was as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff for the second reading of Bill 1361 by title only. Bill 1361 was read a second time by title only by City Attorney, Steve Martin. A roll call vote was as follows:

Abernathy	-	nay
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	aye
Ruff	-	aye
Russell	-	aye
Tope	-	nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve the second reading and adopt Bill 1361. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy - nay

Brown - aye

Nelson - aye

Ruff - aye

Russell - aye

Tope - Alderman Tope would not respond to the motion.

4 ayes, 1 nays, 0 absent, 1 no answer. Motion passed. Bill 1361 becomes Ordinance 2018-19

RESOLUTION 2018-L - REGARDING THE DIRECTING OF CITY EMPLOYEES

This is a written resolution stating that the chain of command must be followed by everyone.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Ruff to approve Resolution 2018-L, regarding the directing of City employees. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy - nay

Brown - aye

Nelson - aye

Ruff - aye

Russell - aye

Tope - nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed

RESOLUTION 2018-H – REGARDING CITY BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

Alderman Russell gave some background regard not coming together on the agenda and not starting where the Board left off on the last agenda at a meeting, causing multiple agendas to be present. No outside agendas should be coming into the City Hall and no one should be doing our agenda but the City Clerk.

Alderman Tope replied, the City Attorney has no authority over the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Ruff and seconded by Alderman Russell to approve resolution 2018-H regarding city board meeting agendas. A roll call vote was as followed:

Abernathy - nay
Brown - aye
Nelson - aye
Ruff - aye
Russell - aye
Tope - nay

4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

RESOLUTION 2018-1 – REGARDING SIGNATORIES ON ACCOUNTS AT ST. JOHN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE.

Attorney Martin informed the Board and the residents that this resolution request came from Alderman Tope.

Alderman Russell has no problem with Mayor Fair being on the bank accounts, she just wants to make sure that it is only him. And says this may show the Mayor that they are willing to work with him. He has not been working with the Board.

Mayor Fair replied that he does have a problem with his hand. But this is a start of us working together.

A young lady of the City suggested that there be two signatures at all time that way there will never be a discrepancy regarding the bank accounts.

A motion was made by Alderman Russell and seconded by Alderman Nelson to add Mayor Fair to all the City accounts. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy - aye
Brown - aye
Nelson - aye
Ruff - nay
Russell - aye
Tope - aye

5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. **Motion passed**

Mrs. Tammy Love, resident of the City of Bel-Ridge, inform the Mayor and Board of Alderman that the time was 8:30pm and there is another page to the agenda to work through. Mrs. Love wanted to know will there be a cut-off and maybe the Board can continue the rest till the next meeting.

Mayor Fair replied that he would stop after the next resolution. Mayor Fair requested a motion and a seconded to adjourn. And stated a date would be made for the rest of the agenda.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Tope to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Abernathy	-	aye
Brown	-	aye
Nelson	-	nay
Ruff	-	nay
Russell	-	nay
Tope	-	aye

3 ayes, 3 nays, 0 absent. Due to a tie, Mayor Fair's vote was recorded as aye.
Motion to adjourn passed.

TIME IS 8:40PM

The meeting minutes were taken and transcribed by the Deputy Clerk, Jacqueline Jones. Andrea Jones, City Clerk was present and in training.

THE JUNE 5TH, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD
THIS 14TH DAY OF August, 2018

Andrea Jones
CLERK