CITY OF BEL-RIDGE

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

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, June 7, 2022, at 6:01 PM.

Roll Call Board of Alderman Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts - arrived at 6:15 pm

Alderwoman Abernathy (by video conference)

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

Mayor Fair states he would like to table item #4 of the City Clerk's Report until the next working session. Motion to table item #4 of the City Clerk's Report made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received. Item #4 tabled until next working session.

Motion to approve the agenda for June 7, 2022, made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Darryl Robinson – would like to know the status of hiring of an inspector. Alderman Robinson states the subject is a working session discussion first. Mr. Robinson also states that the strip mall looks bad and asks whether the commercial inspector will look at it? Mayor Fair responds yes, the commercial inspector will look into that situation.

Jeffrey Thompson – 8850 & 8856 Kendale – Mr. Thompson states there are a lot of rental properties in Bel-Ridge and there are a lot of problems. His family has been in Bel-Ridge for over forty years. One of the renters has threatened to shoot him and has told him so. They've moved people in and turned it into a tire stripping in the front yard and something needs to be done about it now. He's made a lengthy report to the police and nothing has been done. Discussion held between the Board, Detective Sgt. Beekman and the resident. Sgt. Beekman to look into the matter for resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

May 2022 Disbursements – Motion to approve May 2022 disbursements made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, an all-in favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Deed Transfer for 7536 Thelma; (Kory Russell) -- Discussion held regarding the terminated Homestead Program and signing deed of property to Kory Russell. Motion to approve transfer of deed to Kory Russell for 7536 Thelma made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

CDBG Administrative Training June 22-23; (Jefferson City, MO) – City Clerk requests to attend the training. Discussion held. Motion to allow City Clerk to attend CDBG administrative training June 22-23 in Jefferson City, MO made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

Resident Darryl Robinson reminds the Board of when the City previously issued city stickers for cars. Mr. Robinson states that if stickers issuance resumed, then residents could update their occupancy permits at that time. Board to discuss the issue to be discussed at next working session.

Normandy Non-Contractual IT Expenditures -- The City has received bills from Jason for work done for the City of Normandy IT Tom Moore. Discussion held. Board directs City Clerk to deduct those fees from City of Normandy's monthly bill.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court - None

Public Works - Cary Herndon, Public Works Director:

- Wrote 38 violations (high grass, etc.) and sent 13 to PA who issued
 5 charges thus far. Property Bel-Ridge sold does not cut their grass.
 Called them twice, no response. Discussion held.
- John Deere is down, transmission is out. Discussion held regarding getting a new one. Alderman Watts makes motion to get bids for new one.
- Working on two burnt houses. Discussion held as to options for resolution.

Police Department

Detective Sgt Beekman reports during the time period of May 3 through June 6, 2022, 323 service calls answered; 36 summons/tickets; 40 reports and three shootings. On 5/12 shooting on Hanley and Natural Bridge during the day; On 5/19 shooting at 8700 Trumbell; 5 days later at 1:30 pm on Hanley and Thelma.

St Louis metro area experiencing crazy number of car thefts and stolen vehicles.

Alderwoman Davis requests copies of the police status report going forward so the Board can read along. Alderwoman Davis also describes instances of her calling the police and what resolution of such were given. Discussion held. Sgt Beekman states he will look into each instance and report back to the Board.

Alderman Robinson describes the speeding in Bel-Ridge. Discussion held regarding resolutions to the speeding. Speed bumps to be revisited at next working session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN AND HOLD CLOSED MEETING

Motion to adjourn and go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes 610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives or attorneys and Missouri Revised Statues 610-021 (12) any documents related to a negotiated contract made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis.

ROLL CALL