

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
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, March 7, 2023.

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

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

Motion to amend the agenda for March 7, 2023, to move 24:1 Municipal Partnership Presentation and Police Department Report to the first order of business made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

24-1 Municipal Partnership Presentation – Mayor Jackson, Beverly Hills, makes a presentation on creating a multijurisdictional

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transportation development district (TDD). It would allow generating a pot of money that the municipals would control. Mayor McGee is the president and Mayor Jackson is the vice president. Anyone who comes through our cities/towns will come to us. We already have a verbal commitment from St. Louis County and the Governor; they are willing to put into our fund. Makeeta, 24:1/Beyond Housing, explains the current status, 9 of 23 municipals have said they are interested in joining. The subcommittee meetings will begin in May. Beyond Housing serves as coordinator, as well as Armstrong Teasdale Law Firm. Question and answer session held. Alderman Tope asks whether they mean every street in every municipality. Mayor Jackson answers yes, every street in the municipality will be included. Further discussion of the TDD was held. The first step is for municipalities to say yes, we are interested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February 7, 2023, Regular Session minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

City Attorney asks for clarification of minutes before a vote is taken. Mr. Carson was mentioned in the minutes but listed as Mr. Vance. A correction will be made. Motion to table approval of minutes made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Elvis K. Fantroy – Resident states he spoke with Cary, Public Works Director, about vehicles on his street. Lack of occupancy permits is still a

problem. Also, thought everyone in Bel-Ridge is supposed to have trash service.

Mrs. Ardonois --- There is not a nearby grocery area to buy produce so Bel-Ridge needs a grocery store. Mrs. Ardonois would like to open a grocery store at 8838 Natural Bridge Road. Discussion held. Motion to table approval until next meeting of the Board made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Doyle --- Resident has a tenant renting next door to her. She has a tenant who has an orange cone and big rocks in the street. She has a 3-car driveway – is that legal? Police Chief Sanders responds to her question after a discussion was held.

Darryl Robinson --- Resident asks whether there have been any resolutions to any problems previously brought up. Discussion held.

Barbara Thompson --- Does Bel-Ridge have any building inspectors? The board answers yes, John Benisch. The resident states there are building problems everywhere. Discussion held.

Darryl Robinson --- Do we still have a nuisance law and do we enforce it? Answer: Yes. Discussion held

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

February 2023 Disbursements – Motion to approve February 2023 disbursements made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

RFQ – For Engineer/Maybelle Drive Street Improvements --- St. Louis County prepared the RFQ for Board to choose a qualified engineer. It's not required to be advertised, but it's a good idea to do so. Motion to issue and advertise RFQ made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Residential Reminders -- Mailer --- City clerk created a mailer newsletter. The newsletter is to be mailed out every 3 months. The newsletter will also be placed on the website. Motion to approve reminder mailer made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court

None

Public Works –

Gutknecht Arrowhead Park – Stocking of Lake and Enforcement of Fishing Permits --- Resident asked about the Fishing Derby and whether the lake will be stocked. Enforcement of fishing permits needs to happen now. Motion for Public Works Director to purchase up to eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) of fish to restock the lake made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

Police Department

Normandy Police Tameka Sanders announces that she is now the Normandy Chief of Police.

Chief Sanders presents the following report for February 1, 2023 – March 1, 2023: 7220 service calls answered; 52 police reports; 5 accidents; 33 summonses. Checks of businesses are moving forward. Normandy is part of a multidistrict task force to combat car theft.

Detailed report of Bel-Ridge firearms prepared by Corporal Robinson distributed to the Board.

Normandy recommends buying rather than leasing police cars that the contract calls for. Questions and discussions were held.

The cost of flock cameras will increase soon. Chief Sanders will contact the representative (Lisa) to come and make a presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to go into closed session made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker. All members voted Aye. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

March 7, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this
2nd day of May 2023.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk