

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, November 1, 2022, at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call Board of Alderman Present

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts (arrives late)

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to approve the agenda for November 1, 2022, made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve September 6, 2022, Regular Session and September 22, 2022, Working Session minutes by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Rebecca Cogshell --- I'd like to bring up the cars parked on street with no tags, about seven in total. Could you warn them? Also, how do you become being an Airbnb – I'm just asking. City Attorney Henry states Bel-Ridge does not allow for short-term rentals. Discussion held. Public Works Director to look into the situation for resolution.

Elvis Fantroy --- Vehicle parking. Is it still an ordinance about cars parked on the street during snow? I called Normandy police and they didn't respond. I called St Louis County and they didn't respond. Resident Fantroy proposes no parking on one side of the street at the dead end or ticketing the derelict cars. Something needs to be done or something bad is going to happen.

Gordon Brock --- Normandy police department is short of officers and when there is a call, Bel-Nor responds. Brock (Bel-Nor Police Officer) patrols on Friday and Saturday nights and this bar down here is ridiculous. Imo's complained about the parking lot being so full that the police won't do anything. Capri Lounge has too many people than what the Fire Department allows. A discussion was held regarding safety hazards.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Park -- Discussion held as to having a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new park. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is to be held on November 17, 2022, at 5:45 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Sealed Bids for 2008 Crown Victoria – City Clerk acknowledges receipt of sealed bids for the 2008 Crown Victoria and proceeds to open the bids. One bid for \$600.00; two bids for \$500.00 and one bid for \$1,100.00 were received. Winning bid made by Timothy Chor for \$1,100.00. Motion to accept the winning bid of \$1,100.00 made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received. A discussion was held regarding making the payment and picking up the vehicle.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – None

Police Department

Detective Beekman gave the following report: 414 service calls were answered; 41 tickets were issued that generated 34 – 8 led to arrest. Further discussion was held as to several violations occurring during the month in the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1451 – an ordinance renewing the contract between the City of Bel-Ridge and the St. Louis County Board of Elections.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1451 by caption only adopting an ordinance renewing the contract between the City of Bel-Ridge and the St. Louis County Board of Elections made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading was done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1451 by caption only by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading was done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1451 made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts -- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1451, now Ordinance 2022-12.

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderman Robinson requested the city accountant to provide a comparison of having Bel-Ridge's police department versus contracting out to the Normandy police department. He also asks what about a police clerk? Discussion held regarding police clerk services. Cpt Sanders is to be invited to attend the next working session.

Mayor Fair states he spoke with Cpt Sanders and Normandy police will escort Bel-Ridge employees on bank runs. Alderman Tope suggests city clerk contact Brinks for prices for them to make bank runs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, and an all-favor vote was received.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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

August 9, 2022, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 6th day of December 2022.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk