

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 7, 2023.

Roll Call **Board of Alderman Present**

Alderman Brock

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

Motion to approve the agenda for November 7, 2023, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the October 3, 2023 Regular Session minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Darryl Robinson --- Resident asks whether the Board is interested in selling the City's bus that's in the parking lot. Board answers no, the bus is not for sale. There are plans to get the bus fixed.

CONSENT AGENDA

October 2023 Disbursements – Motion to approve October 2023 disbursements made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Republic Services Annual Review – Susan Piazza – Republic Services representative Susan Piazza makes presentation to the Board regarding the industry's update. City doesn't need new garbage trucks, already in the contract. Republic Services has created their own diesel school. Question and answer session by the Board with Susan Piazza ended the presentation.

New Business License: Fearless Styling Studio. 8624© Natural Bridge Road – Owner: Keisha Haynes – New business owner Keisha Haynes requests business license to open a fashion clothing boutique. Motion to

approve business license made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-favor vote received.

New Business License: Primary Essence, LLC, 8957 Natural Bridge Road – Owner Mary Harris – New business owner Mary Harris requests business license to open hair salon that specializes in hair locks. Motion to approve business license made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Service Agreement Renewal for Cintas Fire Protection Service -- City Clerk asks for approval for contract renewal. Motion to approve contract renewal made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

City of Normandy's Request for Vehicle Insurance Reimbursement -- \$32,250.00 – Chief Sanders gives detailed explanation of the vehicle reimbursement request. Discussion held. Motion to approve the vehicle insurance reimbursement request made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Discussion on setting a date for the 2024 Budget Review – Discussion held regarding possible dates for the budget review meeting. Each department requested to submit their proposed budget for 2024. City Clerk to let the Board know when the accountant has completed the rough draft of the budget and meeting will then be set.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney – City attorney gives an update on the status of the dangerous buildings; currently in the process of setting hearings on those buildings. Further discussion will be held during the Bills section of this meeting.

Alderman Robinson asks city attorney if the ordinance has been drafted regarding big trucks. Discussion held. Chief Sanders states they will take care of this situation. Alderman Robinson then states when tenants move out, they leave lots of trash. Alderman Robinson asks what is being done. Discussion held.

Municipal Court

None

Public Works – Public Works Director discusses the questions that came up at last month's board meeting. Discussion held with proposed contractor for specific and detailed clarification.

Bill 1463 – an ordinance approving an agreement with What Matters Most Construction LLC, for maintenance services related to needed repairs at the Bel-Ridge City Hall and Municipal Complex.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1463 by caption only, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Tope, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1463 by caption only by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1463 made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Brock.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker – Yes

Alderman Robinson – No

Motion passed for Bill 1463, now Ordinance 2023-13.

Police Department

Chief T. Sanders presents the following report for October 1, 2023 – November 1, 2023: dispatcher transition made it unavailable for service calls answered; 90 summons, 47 reports.

Discussions items:

Vehicles going back to cool touch striping.

Sale of firearms, should have proceeds before end of year.

Sale of old vehicles proceeding and should be forthcoming. Estimated at least \$10,000 profit. Discussion regarding vehicle sales and minimum bid amounts held.

Chief Sanders' idea of hiring an officer to accompany code enforcer officer so that when violations are found, the officer can write summons at that time eliminating the need to go to the prosecutor to gather information, cutting down lag time. Chief Sanders would like to put together a meeting for all municipalities to discuss issues and specific procedures. November 17th is proposed date for this meeting.

Discussion held regarding the wording on the new police cars. Chief Sanders states Cool Valley does not have their name on their cars. Going forward, **BR** will be on our cars and not Bel-Ridge.

Director Herndon asks about the ordinance for “No Parking” signs. The ordinance needs to be changed to specify which side of the street is no parking. Another parking sign issue for Werder Street should be for the north side. The third sign is on Chorman at intersection of Hanley and Chorman, no parking sign is needed. Requesting an ordinance amending the “No Parking” table. Board gives consent for the changes and an ordinance will be ready at next board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1464 – an ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the St. Louis County, Missouri Collector of Revenue.

City Attorney spoke with St. Louis County and no properties will be sold to municipalities. Discussion held. Alderman Toe suggests the Board move forward now and be ahead for when the sale actually occurs.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1464 by caption only made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Brock, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1464 by caption only by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1464 made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Brock.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock – Yes

Alderman Watts --- No

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to go into closed session made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock – Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Meeting adjourned.

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

November 7, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board
this 5th day of December 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk

