

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2020
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis
Alderwoman Abernathy
Alderman Watts
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor voted received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board has reviewed May 20, 2020 minutes and there are no comments.

UNFINISHED MINUTES

The mayor commended the public works department on a job well done working on the completion of rebuilding the salt bin. Jim Krischke, the city's consultant explains, the process of the salt bin completion.

Courts Hours- The courts have placed a notice on the door for citizens to call courts. The Judge has asked for courts to continue to be closed due to the Pandemic. Also, this allows Court Clerk to catch up on work within the office. Further discussion continued among the Board about other procedures for court. The Judge is not present tonight and will attend another meeting at a later date and time to speak with the Board.

Code Enforcement- City Clerk suggested setting a meeting with Gordon Brock to discuss the Code Enforcement job description and responsibilities.

FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021 CDBG APPLICATION

The City Clerk explained to the board that they will have to hold another Public Hearing for the 2020 & 2021 CDBG again. According to St. Louis County, the posting of the hearing was not done correctly. The requirement is to post notices that St. Louis County provides in three separate places throughout the municipality. The City Clerk had posted an agenda instead in three separate areas. To correct, the City will need to post St. Louis County Notice and have another Public Hearing. They also will need the specific listings of properties that the City wants demolition.

PARK GRANT

Jim Krischke, Consultant, gives an update on the agreement signed by Mayor Fair. The City does not have to pay the \$315,000 all at once to get reimbursed by the Park Grant. The payments will be broken into four payments of \$75,000 each. After the first payment, the City will submit for and have the next portion of work to begin. Payments and work will be done in phases.

NEW BUSINESS

Springwood Apartments

The new owner is present at the board meeting to introduce himself. His company is a family-owned business that are long-term investors that have been in operation for at least 25 yrs. and they are from the Chicago area. This is the first property that they have bought in Missouri. The goal for the apartments will be to bring them up to code, maintain maintenance at 100%. The owner made the Board aware that he does understand the process of moving in tenants. This property was purchased through an auction and any previous debt does not involve the new owners.

Board of Elections Commissioners Cooperation Agreement

The City Clerk informs the Board that every two years the Board of Elections requires that a Commissioners Cooperation Agreement and a resolution from the municipalities be signed and submitted to the Board of Elections Office. This is done so that they can handle all Election filing for the City.

SALARY ASSESSMENTS

Jim Krischke, a consultant for the City, has been working on a salary survey for City Hall, Courts, and Public Works. The Police Department will require more detailed work for salary surveys. The survey was done in comparison to other surrounding municipalities in the areas. The Board can take a look at this information and come back at a later date to make a decision.

Alderman Watts asked to put a pay scale across the board for all employees.

Comments

Alderman Watts comments and brings the Board up to speed on the Charter School issue that Normandy is facing with the new Superintendent of Normandy. These meetings have been taking place with the 24:1 Municipality meetings that take place every Monday that he has been attending.

Mayor Fair talks about the Code Enforcement position with Gordon Brock. The Mayor explains that the City needs code enforcement. Mr. Brock states that he was not interested in doing Code Enforcement and that his interest is with doing residential inspections as he was told he would be doing. Alderman Watts comments that this should be done in a closed session. Mr. Brock was not aware of a code enforcement position until he received the job description.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor received and passed.

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

October 15, 2020, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 2 day of March _____ 2021.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk

