

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, September 6, 2022, at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call **Board of Alderman Present**

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to approve the agenda for September 6, 2022, made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the July 21, 2022 Working Session and August 9, 2022 Regular Session minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

SBA DISASTER LOAN PRESENTATION --- JAVIER CALTENCO

Mr. Caltenco gives presentation on low interest loans due to storms recently experienced in the community July 25 through July 28, 2022. A detailed handout is distributed listing qualifications, requirements, interest rates, restrictions and instructions to apply. There are six (6) centers open to apply for the loan, Monday through Saturday.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Darryl Robinson – What’s going down with the junk yard at the shopping center? Owner was at the last meeting where we talked to the attorney and police and nothing has been done. Discussion held as to current solutions. Alderman Watts to contact Chief Hall for answers.

Marilyn Martin – Would like to know if the park road will be repaired someday? Alderman Robinson will report back on this topic once he goes back to work.

Ean Martin – We’re dealing with a sink hole. Mr. Martin describes the current condition and specific reasons for current condition of the road. Creation of a foot bridge is recommended.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

All August 2022 bills are paid.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Public Hearing to Establish the Annual Rate of Tax Levy for FY2023 --

City Clerk requests date to schedule the public hearing for the FY2023 annual rate of tax levy. Board decides the date will be Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Delinquent Business Licenses; Dollar General & Dinner @ Londa's --

Discussion held as to possible penalties for failure to pay and proper procedures to proceed. Written notice of **Notice to Appear** to be issued to business owners as well as general managers of Dollar General and Dinner @ Londa's. Default Hearing set Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6 pm.

Assignment of FY2020 & 2021 CDBG Funds -- This topic to be discussed at the next working session meeting.

City Clerk asks the Board what date will the budget be discussed? City Clerk to check the accountant's availability to schedule the meeting.

Alderman Robinson asks the question whether the city needs a police clerk. Discussion held as to the importance of Bel-Ridge having a police

clerk or someone in that role. City can be sued for non-compliance of various duties (cancelling of warrants, tow releases).

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – Public Works Director Cary Herndon gives report for the month:

- Wrote 10 violations
- 15 violaters were on the court's docket; 5 showed up so there were 10 warrants were issued
- Completed 18 occupancy inspections
- Municipal Judge to be motioned for 3 administrative search warrants for unsafe buildings. Hearing to be set for these buildings.
- Oil changes on 2018 chargers and small maintenance completed on 2018 chargers.

Police Department

Sgt Beekman gave the following report: 489 service calls answered; 52 police reports and 16 arrests, 42 tickets issued. Police crime incidents described in detail to the Board. Continued Hyundai and KIA crime on vehicles discussed. Captain Sanders briefed on all reported occurrences. Discussion held concerning illegally parked tow truck with illegal tags.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2202 (B) --- Resolution Adopting a Conflict of Interest Policy.

Motion to adopt a conflict of interest policy made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all-in favor vote received.

BILLS

Bill 1449 – adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances of the city of Bel-Ridge, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri; establishing the same; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein, except as herein expressly provided; providing for the manner of amending such code of ordinances; providing penalty for the violation thereof; and providing when this ordinance shall become effective.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1449 by caption only adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances of the city of Bel-Ridge, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri; establishing the same; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein, except as herein expressly provided; providing for the manner of amending such code of ordinances; providing penalty for the violation thereof; and providing when this ordinance shall become effective made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1449 by caption only by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Watts -- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1449, now Ordinance 2022-10.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

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

September 6, 2022, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 1st day of November 2022.

Andrea D. Jones

City Clerk