

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, December 5, 2023.

Roll Call **Board of Alderman Present** **Board of Aldermen Absent**

Alderman Brock

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

Motion to approve the agenda for December 5, 2023, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

2024 Budget Discussion – City Accountant presents the proposed 2024 budget. The budget needs to be approved now. The budget can be amended at any time. Motion to approve the 2024 budget made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received. The ordinance relating to the budget will be approved at a later date. Amendment of the budget to be an agenda item for the January 2024 Board Meeting.

Motion to approve the November 7, 2023 Regular Session minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Bill Vance --- Business owner Vance stated Carson's closed as of November 30, 2023. Mr. Vance is retiring at 72 years old. He is splitting the property and he has two guys buying properties. They are both here tonight applying for new business licenses. Also, he needs someone to take over the presidency of the Bel-Ridge Chamber of Commerce. There is money in our bank account.

Darryl Robinson --- Resident asks whether the Board has a price for the 2 lots owned by Bel-Ridge? The Board answers no. Also, resident asks about the broken windows in the club located in the shopping mall. Discussion held as to the shutdown of the club by the Feds. Board states no knowledge of the shutdown. Discussion then held as to the price of the aforementioned 2 lots. Board advises resident to submit bids for the lots and turn them in to city hall.

Resident Robinson states Lonnie Trammel's business has a sign that says he's operating a U-Haul business. What needs to be done to shut him down? Board to look further into this situation. He then asks whether the city hall's bus been repaired? The Board answers no.

Mike – Resident Mike lives across the street from Dinner @ Londa's. There has been lots of racing down Natural Bridge and shots were fired into my house. Discussion held with Board and Police Chief Sanders.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITY CLERK REPORTS -- CONTINUED

New Business License: Express Towing, Inc. 8627 Natural Bridge Road – Owner: Daniel Williams – New business owner Daniel Williams requests business license to open a towing service. Motion to approve business license made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Davis, an all-favor vote received.

New Business License: VR Wholesale International LLC. 3721 & 3725 North Hanley Road – Owner Volodymyr – New business owner Volodymyr Ratal requests business license to open auto repair and wholesale sales. It will not be a car lot. Mostly internet sales. Motion to approve business license made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Resident Lonnie Trammel makes statement concerning U-Haul related business. Discussion held concerning lack of having a business license.

8610 Wales – Mayor asks about insurance on the property. Discussion held. Mayor requests city clerk to get a specific answer regarding liability insurance for the property.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney – City attorney states there will be a special meeting of the Bel-Ridge TIF committee for the Board on December 18, 2023 at 4 p.m. There must be a quorum present as there is action that needs to be taken. The agenda for that meeting must be posted no later December 12th. Discussion held.

Municipal Court -- None

Public Works – Public Works Director states contractor Larry Brooks is requesting payment of half down to begin the work. Discussion held regarding contractor's payment and his detailed explanation of the work to be performed.

Police Department – Chief Sanders presents monthly report of November 1 through December 1, 2023: 284 calls for service; 158 summons/tickets; 36 reports.

Holiday Safety Tips – it's not safe to store presents and other belongings in your car during the holiday season. Please be aware.

Winter Weather Preparations – check on seniors and neighbors during the winter weather.

Smoke Detectors – keep batteries up to date, watching out for fires from space heaters and Christmas trees.

Sale of Firearms – gentleman is coming next week to purchase the firearms. The amount of the check will be Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$10,200.00).

Sale of police vehicles – the vehicles were put on the internet for sale. The highest bid was Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). Discussion held regarding pricing of police vehicles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS

Bill 1465 – an ordinance amending Title III, Schedule IV-A to repeal one existing parking regulation and to add three new parking regulations within the city of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

City Attorney states the specifics of the bill, discussion held.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1465 by caption only made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1465 by caption only by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1465 made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock – Yes

Alderwoman Davis -- Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1465, now Ordinance 2023-15.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1466 – an ordinance approving the annual budget for the city of Bel-Ridge, Missouri for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1466 by caption only made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Brock, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1466 by caption only by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1466 made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock – Yes

Alderwoman Davis -- Yes

Alderman Watts --- No

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1466, now Ordinance 2023-16.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock – Yes

Alderwoman Davis -- 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.

December 5, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 10th day of January 2024.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk