

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
6:08 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 6:08 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderman Watts
Alderwoman Abernathy
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson

Alderman Ruff

Alderman watts arrives at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Abernathy. All in favor and zero opposed. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE ENACTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC CRISIS

During the Coronavirus pandemic crisis, Municipalities are being faced with situations where there is no time to call a board meeting but require immediate decisions. This ordinance will enable the mayor to make those immediate decisions. The mayor must report actions taken according to this grant of authority to the Board of Alderman within seventy-two (72) hours of doing so. Discussion held.

Alderman Watts moves to approve the first reading by the caption of Bill 1403. Seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in favor. Attorney O'Keefe reads.

Motion to approve second reading by caption made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor. Attorney O'Keefe reads.

Alderman Watts makes a motion to adopt Bill 1403 and Alderman Robinson seconded.

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE

Alderman Abernathy	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes
Alderman Ruff	Yes

6 Yes/0 oppose.

Motion passed Bill 1403 to Ordinance 2020-6.

Discussion and update of day to day operations for City Hall and Police Department during COVID-19

City Clerk gives an update as to specific City business processes during the pandemic, including but not limited to staff work days and hours, procedures for occupancy permits, and inspections.

Police Chief gives health status updates on all police officers. The entire police department was tested. St. Louis County Police Department stands ready for the cover should Bel-Ridge require assistance.

Police Department salaries are supposed to be reimbursed under the Cares Act. No training is authorized at this time. REJIS has agreed to give police departments a discount, our savings would be \$3,500.00.

DISCUSSION OF FURLOUGHING EMPLOYEE WORK HOURS

The discussion was held as to the furloughing of employees during the pandemic. Arthur Stovall to become a part-time employee.

REQUEST FROM CAPRIS LOUNGE TO OPEN AN OUTSIDE PATIO IN REAR OF THE BUILDING

This topic is premature, as it has to go through the Planning and Zone Board first, before being brought before the Board of Alderman.

CITY HALL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION (CITY CLERK)

City Clerk requests improvements to the office to be made. These updates include but are not limited to, carpeting and painting. The Board directs the City Clerk to get quotes/bids for the improvements.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Abernathy: On the last day of May, we're asking all residents to have their lights on from 8 until 10 in honor of all City of Bel-Ridge graduates. Hoods Store has volunteered to pay for three (3) signs.

Alderman Watts: Any outside funds coming into the City of Bel-Ridge should have documentation attached.

Alderman Robinson: Asks the question about resident's noncompliance of keeping their grass cut as well as general property maintenance. Summons to be issued for noncompliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Harris --- Previously given.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Herndon --- None

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. O'Keefe --- None

MAYOR --- Mayor Fair --- None

MEETING ADJOURN

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Watts makes a motion to adjourn and Alderman Robinson seconds.

Voice Vote to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

Motion Passed to Adjourn the meeting.

Meeting End time at 6:57 p.m.

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

May 20, 2020, Board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 10th days of November, 2020.

Andrea Jones
CITY CLERK

11-10-2020
DATE

