

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
5:00 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 Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call	<u>Board of Aldermen Present</u>	<u>Board of Aldermen Absent</u>
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Alderwoman Davis	Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Watts	
Alderwoman Abernathy	
Alderman Tope	
Alderman Robinson	

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

Motion to approve the agenda by Alderman Abernathy and Alderman Watts, with an all-in favor vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

No members of the public were in attendance to speak.

CBDG PUBLIC HEARING

The discussion was held concerning the use of the CBDG funds. Demolition of abandoned houses and streets repair was discussed extensively.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to table the minutes of December 3, 2019, and December 30, 2019, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy and all in favor was made by voice vote. Motion passed.

Alderman Watts addressed the issue of Omni Tree's invoice. Discussion is held as to the amount of the bill and what relates to the charges. Inconsistencies found. Alderman Watts to follow up on this matter. Motion to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes made by Alderman Watts and

seconded by Alderman Abernathy and all in favor was made by voice vote.
Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL #1404 AMENDING CODE ORDINANCES BY THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE, MO. REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

First reading: City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill 1404 by caption only.

Second reading: On a motion made by Alderwoman Watts and second by Alderman Robinson, followed by an all-in favor voice vote.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderman Watts for bill # 1404 to become Ordinance 2020-7 amending code ordinances by the City of Bel-Ridge, MO, regarding medical marijuana and drug paraphernalia followed by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy	Yes
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes

Motion passed

BILL #1405 ADOPTING CODE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

First reading: City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill 1405 by caption only.

Second reading: On a motion made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Abernathy, followed by an all-in favor voice vote.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Abernathy for bill #1405 to become Ordinance 2020-8 adopting code ordinances of the City of Bel-Ridge, MO, regarding the distribution and possession of tobacco and tobacco products followed by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy	Yes
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes

Motion passed

BILL #1406 ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE, PROVIDING THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

First reading: City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill 1406 by caption only.

Second reading: On a motion made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Whitaker, followed by an all-in favor voice vote.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Abernathy for bill # 1406 to become Ordinance 2020-9 Adopting and Enacting a New Code of Ordinance of the City of Bel-Ridge, Proving the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein, except as herein expressly provided; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; and providing a penalty for the violation thereof; and providing when this ordinance shall become effective followed by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy	Yes
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes

Motion passed

Alderman Watts brings up the subject of a resident dumping rocks/concrete gravel, etc. in a vacant lot next to his house, which is also his property. Watts states he told the gentleman to cease until Board approves. Wants attorney to research/comment. Further discussion was held.

DISCUSSION OF SETTING A DATE TO MEET WITH STATE AUDITOR

Discussion held. This will be a closed session. The proposed dates are July 29 or July 30, 2020. City Clerk to contact the auditor.

REQUESTING APPROVAL TO OBTAIN ACCOUNT FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MUNICIPALITY

Municipal Judge is requesting approval to obtain an account for virtual meetings/court for the City of Bel-Ridge. Discussion held. City Attorney suggests asking PA Chung if his account can be used for the City of Bel-Ridge court proceedings.

DISCUSSION OF SETTING A DATE TO MEET WITH ACCOUNTANTS

The discussion was held to select a date to meet with city accountants. The proposed date is July 16, 2020. The City Clerk will contact accountants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NO PUBLIC PRESENT**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF HARRIS --- lots of assaults and disturbances due to people being at home all day long together. Have issued 30 citations for trash can violations/high grass (ordinance violations). Question asked whether our policy remains regarding complaints against police officers have to be notarized. The answer remains yes, complaints must be notarized.

PUBLIC WORKS – CARY HERNDON --- Have been working with Detective Kick regarding high grass. Department will start working on potholes next.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REMARK --- NONE

CITY ATTORNEY – KEVIN O’KEEFE --- NONE

MAYOR --- Been riding around the city a lot, giving city hall addresses for high grass and other ordinance violations.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Alderman Robinson, second by Alderman Watts to close the regular session and hold a closed session by Section 610.021(1) relating to confidential attorney-client communications, Section 610.021(3) relating to personnel matters, and/or Sec. 610.021(17) relating to communication between the City of Bel-Ridge and its auditor.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy	Yes
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes

Motion carried to adjourn Open Session.

July 7, 2020, Public Hearing and Board meeting minutes approved by the Board of Alderman this 10th day of November 2020.

Andrea Jones
CITY CLERK

11-10-2020
DATE

