

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
6:00 PM**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:04 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and attendance called by City Clerk, Andrea Jones.

ROLL CALL

Abernathy- Present
Watts - Present
Ruff - Present
Tope - Present
Whitaker - Present
Robinson - Absent
Mayor Fair- Present

Attorney Kevin O'Keefe also present.

Approval of Agenda

Attorney O'Keefe asks for approval to admen the agenda. The minutes to remain on the table for additional revisions and Item J on agenda to be a presentation at this time. Attorney recommends to not act on agreement with IBTS until further discussion is made. Item K no resolution is prepared regarding bank account and will need more clarification on who board wants on the account. Also, the Attorney will add on other items under City Attorney remarks.

Motion to admen the agenda with changes to Item J, K and leaving minutes on the table by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Watts, and all in favor.

Motion to approve amended agenda made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, and all in favor vote passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2017-36

Burger King has requested the City of Bel-Ridge to revise the sign codes to allow pylon signs in the area.

Motion for 1st reading by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Watts, 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Motion for 2nd reading by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Watts, 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Motion to adopt Bill # 1392 Ordinance 2019-22 amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Bel-Ridge and amending Chapter 420 regarding sign regulations by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Watts.

Roll Call

Abernathy - Yes
Watts - Yes
Tope - Yes
Ruff - No
Whitaker - Yes
Robinson - Absent

Motion Passed Bill 1392 is now Ordinance 2019-22.

NEW BUSINESS

REPUBLIC SERVICES

Joell Aquirre from Republic Services comes before the Board of Aldermen to discuss their current contract with the City that expires in December 2019. The new contract that is being proposed is now extended to a 5yr. contract. Joell explains all services covered in the new contract.

At this time there is no legislator prepared for board to approve Republic's contract. The attorney will look at the contract over and work with Joell by next month's meeting.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY REPRESENTATIVE

Erika Macon from St. Louis County Right of Way Division discussed in a previous meeting that her division would not be willing to destroy water tap on Hanley at the 3400 location. The CDBG department assured Ms. Macon that destroying the water tap was apart of the 2020 contract and would be paid in full.

St. Louis County Transportation would like to negotiate on the offer that was made to the City on three parcels, 2901 North Hanley, 3300, and 3400 for easements to improve sidewalks, and repave North Hanley. The project is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2021 and is based on the appraisal of the entire property.

IBTS COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS

John Benisch introduced himself to the board as the inspector. IBTS is connected with 24:1. Attorney Henry explained a few changes in the contract that the city will need to look at. There is no charge for fuel and the owner will work out another contract that fits for all of the municipalities in 24:1.

DISCUSSION OF UMB BANK ACCOUNT

This is an old GO Bond account that is sitting dormant and has been for years. Alderman Tope recommends closing the account. Attorney suggest finding out how many accounts, and who should be listed on accounts. No further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT- Chief Harris and City Clerk have worked together to do ride around and take note of addresses of trash cans left out and to send letters to residence. There where 37 letters mailed out last week and 26 out this day. Repeat offenders will get tickets.

PARKS AND RECREATION- Alderman Abernathy announces the Santa Bus will run on December 21st, leaving city hall around noon. Further discussion about volunteers and toys will follow.

CITY ATTORNEY-Attorney made the board aware of business license that no tax can be increased without the vote of the people according to the Hancock Amendment. Business License fees are taxes. The increases made back in 2017 was not supported by voters. The board needs to establish fees before the changes were made.

Mayor- Alderman Tope asked about extension on Block Grant money on Hanley City Clerk stated that the extension is for 90 days. Alderman Tope requested paperwork to see what the extension included. City Clerk spoke to Wade the City Engineer, he stated that St. Louis County will no cover water tap unless another home would be rebuilt in the same spot.

Public Comments

Tommy Tabb- 3538 St. Henry, received a summons to attend court for a ticket in November.

Gordon Brock- spoke about dog issues.

Motion to close the meeting and go into a closed session to discuss legal actions according to section 610.021 (1) made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy.

Roll Call

Abernathy - yes
Watts - Yes
Tope - Yes
Ruff - Yes
Whitaker - Yes
Robinson - Absent

Motion passed to go into closed session

Time 7:43 PM

November 5, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes were approved by Board of Alderman on this 1st day of December, 2020.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk

