

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BEL-RIDGE MEETING AGENDA
BEL-RIDGE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
8920 NATURAL BRIDGE
BEL-RIDGE, MO. 63121
MONDAY DECEMBER 30,2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Monday, December 30, 2019, at 6:02 PM.

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

Alderwoman Ruff
Alderman Abernathy
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

Alderman Watts

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

Alderman Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda and Alderwoman Abernathy second. All in favor vote received, motion passed.

BUSINESS LICENSE DISCUSSION

Certain ordinances passed that raised the business license fees for auto repair shops, hotels/motels, plumbers, and cleaners. The attorney contacted the General Code to obtain physical copies of 2015 and 2016 before the ordinance being passed. Lisa at General Code will do some research and report back to the attorney. The attorney will research to see if changes were put on a ballot for vote in 2017.

VOICE PRO

The Board discusses several systems and prices for the new phone system. Board is interested in the cloud system. Alderman Robinson asked about the time frame that City Hall needs to get a new system.

Voice Pro representative gave a 4-5-week process to get phones up and running.

Alderman Watts motion to draft a resolution for cloud services and Alderman Robinson second, all in favor vote received, motion passed for a resolution to be drafted.

OMNI TREE/BEYOND HOUSING

Doug Seely was not present and will attend the next meeting.

Attorney found some discrepancies in the contract. City Clerk will invite Doug Seely to the next meeting.

BEL-RIDGE PROPERTY

Alderman Watts comments about Homestead Program. Most addresses on the list should be demolished and the property should not be a part of the program. Two homes were bid out and neither one of the applicants have brought the home up to code. The City has paid the sewer bill for one of the homes. The attorney will assess the liability that the City may have, if and when the city goes to recapture those properties.

DISCUSSION OF 2020 CITY BUDGET

The Board was provided a budget for the 2020 spreadsheet. It was completed by the accountant for the proposed 2020 numbers given by City Clerk and Chief Mark Harris. The attorney asked to contact accountants to set up a meeting.

Also, the city clerk spoke to State Auditors and was instructed to set aside \$60k in our 2020 Budget for the amount of the audit. The state will do a rough draft and do a pre-exist interview and they will come in and do a close session with the board. After a month, they will return and give a final version. Once responses are given, it will be published by the State Auditors.

DISCUSSION OF VELDA VILLAGE AND UPLANDS PARK TO UTILIZE BEL-RIDGE BOARD ROOM

The board discussed that Velda Village and Uplands Park asked for permission to use Bel-Ridge boardroom for their meetings and they are willing to pay for usage.

Alderman Tope suggests that Bel-Ridge should start developing better relationships with different municipalities. Mayor would like to invite Carmen McClendon in to discuss further.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderman Robinson at 7:10 PM.

December 30, 2019 Regular board meeting minutes where approved by Board of Aldermen on this 1st day of December, 2020.

Andrea Jones
CITY CLERK

