

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020  
6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER-** A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Willie Mayor Fair on November 10, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL    BOARD OF ALDERMEN PRESENT    BOARD OF ALDERMEN ABSENT**

**Alderwoman Davis  
Alderwoman Abernathy  
Alderman Tope  
Alderman Whitaker  
Alderman Robinson  
Mayor Willie Fair**

**Alderman Watts**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to remove the August 11, 2020 minutes from agenda made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, and an all-in favor vote was received.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, and an all-in favor vote was received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve May 20, 2020 minutes made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve July 7, 2020 minutes made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve August 20, 2020 minutes made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, an all-in favor voted received.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG**

**TIME 6:12 PM**

The public hearing was revisited due to a clerical error of not posting the St. Louis County Notice of Hearing letter along with the Agenda for the original Public Hearing meeting that was held on July 7, 2020.

The board discussed the utilization of the 2020 and 2021 CDBG funds for the demolition of the city-owned homes. The list was provided to St. Louis County.

The mayor asked if any participants wished to speak on the CDBG for 2020 and 2021.

Tami Love asked for clarification on why this public meeting was taking place again in 2020 and 2021 and what was the 2019 funds used on.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote was taken.

Mayor Fair opened the floor for public comments.

Shirley Woods- 9703 Kendale Dr. requested the board to have a tree cut that is on Bel-Ridge property that leans over her roof. The city agreed to have the tree trimmed. Cary, the city's Public Works Director explained to Ms. Woods that the City of Bel-Ridge is a tree city and he doubted very seriously if the tree will get cut. However, he will get bids to see about getting the tree trimmed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the acknowledgment of city payment of bills for August 2020, September 2020, and October 2020 was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor was received.

### **CITY CLERK REPORT**

Burger King is asking for an update from the City. The city attorney will find out more details.

### **CITY STAFF REPORT**

Judge Ezell was present to comment on the Court's behalf about the court window opening. She also commented on the bank account charging a service fee to accounts of the Judicial and Appointed Counsel accounts. The accounts should not be charged a fee. The city clerk and court clerk will contact the bank.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Noting at this time.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Harris requests that citizens not leave their cars unattended while vehicles are running. The city had two stolen cars due to this issue.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-E approving the agreement with SWT Designs, Inc. for landscaping architectural design services for the new community pocket park adjacent to the city hall complex made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, and an all-in favor vote was received.

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-F to approve for professional services agreement with James Kruschke for consulting services for the City of Bel-Ridge, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy and an all-in favor vote was received.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New business owner applicant for Oilerua Legacy, LLC. is not available.

### **BILLS**

#### Bill 1410

A motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill 1410 to renew the contract between the City of Bel-Ridge and St. Louis County Board of Elections by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker Davis and an all-in favor was voted received. The first reading was done by Attorney Henry.

A motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill 1410 by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis and an all-in favor voted received. The second reading is done by Attorney Henry.

Motion to adopt Bill # 1410 by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. Roll call was taken and 5 yes, 1 absent, zero no. Motion passed. Bill 1410 is now Ordinance 2020-13.

#### Bill 1411

A motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill 1411 by title for approving an employee pay plan for 2021 for a position within the administration, courts, and public works department

by Alderwoman Robinson and second by Alderwoman Davis and an all-in favor vote was received. The first reading was done by Attorney Henry.

The city consultant gave an overview of the Salary survey and a pay raise plan that he had done.

A motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis. The second reading is done by Attorney Henry.

Motion to approve Bill # 1411 by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderman Robinson. Roll call was taken and 5 yes, 1 absent, zero no. Motion Passed. Bill 1411 is now Ordinance 2020-14.

**Board Comments**

Alderman Whitaker would like to see public comments on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and the close of the meeting.

Alderman Tope comments about looking into a new PA System.

Motion to go into closed session under section 610-021(1) made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderwoman Davis. Roll call was taken and 5 yes, 1 absent, zero no.

Time 7:00 PM

November Public Hearing and Regular board meeting minutes were approved by Board this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

Andrea Jones  
City Clerk

