

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis	Alderwoman Abernathy
Alderman Watts	
Alderman Tope	
Alderman Whitaker	
Alderman Robinson	
Mayor Fair	

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

Presentation by SWT Design

They are in the process of putting bid documents together for contractors. The flags and stakes were put in the ground for the Board’s review showing where the shelter would fit in the center of the park. The flags and paint were to show where the fence line would be. Three designs were provided to Board for review of shelter choices and playground options.

When SWT has 80% of the package complete they will return to the Board. The goal is to be completed by mid-fall.

MPR Credit usage

The City Clerk has requested to use the credits of \$1500 from MPR to use for the purchase of office chairs and more PPE. The Board approved.

2021 Draft Budget

This item is delayed for discussion at a later date and time.

The Parking Spot

The City Clerk reports to the board that The Parking Spot did not receive any funding during the pandemic. Attorney Henry stated that we can not waive

fees for an individual company and not waive for other businesses. The Board did not approve of the discount but will agree to a payment plan if they are not able to pay in full.

PROPERTIES FOR DEMOLITION

The eight properties to include on RFP to get prices of demolition. Cary, Public Works Director listed the most important homes to be on the list for CDBG.

24:1/PGAV LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reyna Spencer from 24:1 addressed an issue the Board had with Doug Seely and explained the footprint of the Tree Grant.

Reyna gives a brief description of the Land Use & Economic Development Plan. Catherine Hamacher with PGAV was also present to speak with the City of Bel-Ridge. Reyna and Catherine have been working together to put together a Master Land Use Plan for the 24:1 community. There is a statutory requirement that communities adopt a Master Land use plan which is expensive. The majority of the mayors have been attending meetings to stay updated on what is going on and nothing is done until the mayors sign off on it. The plan is \$280,000 and 24:1 have three supporters to back the plan. Reyna shows the Board a breakdown of the cost for which they are asking from the municipalities. The base for every municipality is \$5,000. Bel-Ridge has a lot of commercial and industrial property. Bel-Ridge is #2 with the most that can benefit from the Master Plan.

Economic Development Policy for Burger King

The Board received a draft of an ordinance regarding incentives under Chapter 353 Mo. Revised statutes. This allows the City to set up policies or programs if someone wanted to avail themselves of the tax abatement under chapter 353.

This is an incentive to encourage the redevelopment of blighted areas for the abatement of real estate property. The Board will put on next agenda meeting.

INTEGRATED BUILDING PERMITS

Discussion of permit fees that need to have an admin fee added on to the permit cost so the City can get funds. IBTS suggested 10% be added to the cost of the permits to help the City out. Further discussion continued among the Board.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

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

February 25, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 13th day of April _____ 2021.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk