

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
WORKING SESSION MEETING VIA ZOOM MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 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 Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderwoman Davis
Alderman Watts
Alderman Robinson
Alderwoman Abernathy (arrives at 6:11 pm)
Mayor Fair

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

NEW BUSINESS

New Business License Application – Applicant Adelaida Arango-Garcia; **Delia’s Delicias**. Discussion held. Motion to approve the new business license application made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

New Business License Application – Applicant Lonnie Trammell; **L&T Super Service Repair**. Discussion held. Motion to approve the new business license application by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

New Business License Application – Applicant Tawafeiz Ahmed; **Ait 10 Wireless, LLC**. Discussion held. Motion to approve the new business license application by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, all-in favor voted received.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Municipal Court – Judge Felicia Ezell Gillespie

Judge Felicia Ezell Gillespie addresses the Board concerning anticipated budget cuts. She suggests the Board to have difficult conversations with all persons involved before making any cuts. The Judge also indicates several

resources that she has knowledge and experience with for acquiring additional revenue, such as grants for the City of Bel-Ridge. Judge Ezell Gillespie requests the Board contact her for further information.

Equity Homes Demolish Contract

Jacqui Jurenka made a presentation for Equity Homes Demolition of twelve (12) Bel-Ridge properties. Specifics of the presentation: the fee will be one dollar (\$1.00) per property; an average of 9 inspections per demo; the abatement price will be \$17,250.00; when asked about the removal of taps on properties, the response was they have a plumber that all he does is tap destroy and tap destroy will be included in the contract. Ms. Jurenka stated she has had extensive conversations with Alderman Tope concerning the demolition. Alderman Watts asked the question "who's responsible for a house being torn down that hits another property". Ms. Jurenka answered Equity Homes. City Attorney O'Keefe requested a copy of the company's general liability and insurance and to list the City as additional insured. A lengthy discussion followed.

Jacqui Jurenka indicated she has no documentation of price comparisons for abatement.

The topic of obtaining three (3) proposals for demolition was discussed. City Attorney O'Keefe indicated the City of Bel-Ridge is not purchasing demolition services in the meaning of our bidding requirements because there is no cost. So, there's really no purchase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion to amend agenda to include Bill 1415 and Bill 1416 is needed and would be in order was stated by City Attorney O'Keefe.

Bill 1415- authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the trustee of St Louis County, Missouri.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1415 by caption only authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the trustee of St Louis County, Missouri.
by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to amend Bill 1415 to include 2 additional properties, 3108 N. Hanley and 8643 Trumbell, for a total of seven (7) properties made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, an all-in favor voted received.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1415 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received.
2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderman and seconded by Alderman Davis for Bill 1415 to become Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the trustee of St Louis County, Missouri.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion passed for Bill 1415, now Ordinance 2021-3.

Bill 1416 - authorizing contracts for asbestos abatement and demolition of certain city-owned properties.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1416 by caption only authorizing contracts for asbestos abatement and demolition of certain city-owned properties by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Davis, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1416 by caption only by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received.
2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Abernathy for Bill 1416 to become Ordinance authorizing contracts for asbestos abatement and demolition of certain city-owned properties.

2901 N. Hanley Road

Alderman Tope stated the City needs to advertise for bids to sell the property at 2901 N. Hanley. City Attorney O'Keefe says the City may want to consider this action after a budget has been adopted. It was then clarified that this

property would be sold, not demolished. City Attorney O'Keefe then states he will work with City Clerk Jones and Jim Krischke for requests for proposals to sell the property at 2901 N. Hanley.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received.

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

March 18, 2021, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 13th day of _____ 2021.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk