

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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, September 7, 2021, at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call	<u>Board of Aldermen Present</u>	<u>Board of Aldermen Absent</u>
	Alderman Davis Alderman Watts Alderwoman Tope Alderwoman Whitaker Alderman Robinson Mayor Fair	Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to remove Bill No. 1431 from the agenda by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to remove item I. City Accountant's Report by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the agenda for September 7, 2021, made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve August 10, 2021 Board Meeting minutes by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor voted received.

Motion to approve August 26, 2021 Working Session minutes by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Alderman Watts recommends Debra Wilkens to become a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion held. No action taken.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Debra A Wilkins – 2910 N Hanley – Two questions: Have we looked to see if we can get out of the Normandy contract? Have not seen the police. Took Normandy 15 minutes to get to my accident. My second question is where is our revenue from the police department? Alderman Watts responds he sees Chief Hall driving around, as does the mayor. Discussion held.

Charles E Chatman – 3237 Welsberg – Complains about tree in neighbor's yard. He called Ameren and they came and put coating on wiring. Public Works Department called Ameren and they are supposed to add cutting down the trees on a schedule. There is a power outage frequently. Public Director to follow up on this topic.

Virginia Crawford – 3437 Ranch – The streets are horrid. Would like to know if there is a company I can call about this problem? The rocks are now growing grass. Nothing but potholes everywhere. Discussion held. Board to further investigate these concerns.

Ann Hawthorne – 3523 St Henry – Ms. Hawthorne states she would like to comment on Bill 1430. What about backyards? Mayor responds there is a city curfew of 9:00 p.m. Different ordinances are discussed; i.e. curfew and noise levels. Discussion continues. Board to investigate this concern.

Barbara Thompson – 9014 Marcella – Thanks all people who help us, the mayor and Jerome Robinson. Community previously helped each other. Parents are not watching their children. There is no where for children to go or anything for them to do. We need to do something about this situation.

Reyna Spencer – 3425 Maybelle – Beyond Housing – Reminder the RFP response is due tomorrow. Mayor's meeting is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. I need representation from Bel-Ridge. Did you get a chance to look at the Land Use Plan and are there any questions? Mayor and Alderman Watts will attend the meeting. Board says to present the Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for 2022 CDBG Grant Application

Motion to open the 2022 CDBG Grant Application Public Hearing by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

Explanation for Public Hearing:

Each year \$38,100.00 is allotted for this grant for the City of Bel-Ridge. Ramona was chosen for the 2020 and 2021 CDBG grants.

Discussion held between the Board and residents.

City Clerk to email questions regarding the CDBG Grant that were raised during tonight's meeting.

Public Works Director to find out when Missouri American Water will be completed with their current project in Bel-Ridge.

Resident Barbara Thompson states all streets are horrible, all should be fixed; \$38,100.00 will not fix all the streets. In favor of Ramona being fixed. Would like to see Sargent finished.

Motion to close Public Hearing by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to assign 2022 CDBG Grant to Ramona Avenue by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Watts questions portions of payment made to the City of Normandy. City Clerk states the details of the payments. City Attorney and City Clerk currently working together on this topic. August 2021 Disbursements – Motion to approve August 2021 disbursements made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all-in favor voted received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Update on the Memorandum of Understanding

Previously discussed under the Consent Agenda topic.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – None

Police Department – City Attorney reads police monthly report submitted by Normandy Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1429 – authorizing the opening of a new bank account for the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri as and for the receipt of monies in connection with the American Rescue Plan Act Funding to be distributed in 2021.

Discussion held regarding the purpose of the distribution of monies and the need for a separate bank account.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1429 by caption only authorizing the opening of a new bank account for the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri as and for the receipt of monies in connection with the American Rescue Plan Act Funding to be distributed in 2021, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Discussion held regarding the purpose of the distribution of monies and the need for a separate bank account.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1429 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson for Bill 1429 to become Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion passed for Bill 1429, now Ordinance 2021-17.

Bill 1430 – amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri by adding two new sections to Chapter 385 regarding recreational equipment and personal property in the rights-of-way.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1430 by caption only amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri by adding two new sections to Chapter 385 regarding recreational equipment and personal property in the rights-of-way made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Discussion held regarding the purpose of the amendment.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1430 by caption only by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker for Bill 1430 to become Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion passed for Bill 1430, now Ordinance 2021-18.

Bill 1432 – adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances of the City of Bel-Ridge, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri; establishing the same; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein, except as herein expressly provided; providing for the manner of amending such code or ordinances; providing penalty for the violation thereof; and providing when this ordinance shall become effective.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1432 by caption only amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri by adding two new sections to Chapter 385 regarding recreational equipment and personal property in the rights-of-way made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Discussion held regarding the purpose of the amendment.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1432 by caption only by Alderwoman 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 Alderwoman Davis for Bill 1432 to become Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion passed for Bill 1432, now Ordinance 2021-20.

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderman Robinson asks whether Gordon Brock is going to start performing the job of Code Enforcer officer legitimately. City Attorney states he will get access to a computer and other records to be able to complete citations.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Motion to go into closed session by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes
Alderman Watts - Yes
Alderman Tope- Yes
Alderman Whitaker- Yes
Alderman Robinson- Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy – Absent

Motion to adjourn public meeting by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

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

September 7, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 5th day of October 2021.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk