

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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, November 2, 2021, at 6:25 PM.

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

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

Mayor Fair requests item number 2 under the City Clerk's Report be removed from the agenda until the Mayor can get the contractor present to make his presentation.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended for November 2, 2021, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Alderwoman Davis arrives and is physically present at the meeting.

Discussion held concerning follow-up to previous requests; handicap parking sign and traffic signs.

Motion to approve October 5, 2021 minutes by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor voted received.

Alderman Watts begins discussion concerning Sgt Sanders' statement regarding a reduction in fees that Bel-Ridge will be entitled to and she was to bring documentation stating how they arrived at the reduction figure.

Motion to approve October 21, 2021 working session minutes by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Anita Collins – 8832 Ramona – I am interested in a neighborhood clean up project or campaign. Who do I see or contact to be a part of that? I'm particularly interested in the corners of Natural Bridge and Hanley Road and the green space where you get the 47 bus that's on the west side of Hanley. Discussion held to discuss which municipality is being referenced and who the owner is of certain properties. Bel-Ridge does not currently have a clean-up project. Public Works maintains the area. Alderwoman Abernathy volunteers to contact the fraternity to organize a clean-up project. Anita Collins will contact Alderwoman Abernathy to sign up to be a regular member of the clean-up project.

Carolyn Hackworth – Do we still get protection from Normandy or a drive-by because when they first took over I would see them patrolling but now I don't see them at all. Are we still getting that protection?

Mayor: We're supposed to be. What I will do is speak with the Chief over there because the young lady that was handling this, she's off sick at this time. So, I will talk to the Chief and make sure they pick it up.

People are renting their properties and I guess no one is telling them to pick up their trash cans off the street. Smithfield is small street so you have to maneuver trash cans, children

Darryl Robinson – Can the Board take off their masks when speaking, you're very muffled and we can't understand what you're saying. I have complaints about trash cans on St. Henry not being pulled in. Not trying to make a big issue, but it's happening all over the City. Discussion held. City Code Enforcement Officer to take care of these situations.

Meo Mokoena – Would like to propose a non-profit; would address unemployment and the environment. People will come together to share skills and teach others. Discussion held. She's requesting a building. Discussion held. She is directed to contact Beyond Housing, Reyna Spencer specifically.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

October 2021 Disbursements – No action taken.

November 2, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes taken by Andrea L. Jones, City Clerk

CITY ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

None

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Retention of Jim Krischke on a Limited Basis to Resolve 2021 Budget Issues and Prepare the FY2022 Budget – Discussion held regarding retaining Jim Krischke to resolve 2021 budget and prepare the FY 2022 budget. His role will only to deal with financial issues regarding the 2021 and 2022 budget. He's available to start November 15 and will work 20 hours a week, sometimes from home. Compensation will be seventy dollars an hour (\$70.00).

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – Director of Public Works states they started going through and throwing away computer boxes in the basement and put all computers and laptops down there on a table. Jason can now be called to come take all the hard drives out. Discussion held.

Police Report – Detective Beekman gives a report of police services Normandy provided for the City of Bel-Ridge for October.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021 (S), authorizing the addition and deletion of certain signatories to the bank account for the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri Municipal Court as and for the lawful uses of court funds under Missouri Law.

Motion to read and approve Resolution 2021 (S) by caption only authorizing the addition and deletion of certain signatories to the bank account for the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri Municipal Court as and for the lawful uses of court

funds under Missouri Law made by Alderman Watts. Reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to approve authorization for bank signatory by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-favor vote received. **Motion passed.**

BILLS

Bill 1436 – approving a professional services agreement with Gov Temps for city management and consulting services for the City of Bel-Ridge.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1436 by caption only approving a professional services agreement with Gov Temps for city management and consulting services for the City of Bel-Ridge made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to amend Bill 1436 to read Gov Temps instead of James Krischke by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received. **Motion passed.**

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1436 as amended by caption only by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Watts, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker for Bill 1436 to become Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion passed for Bill 1436, now Ordinance 2021-24.

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderwoman Abernathy asks the Board their feelings about Christmas. If she can come up with some candy, can they take the bus out to let them know we care about them? Also, if anyone knows of someone in their ward, she can see if she can come up with a turkey or something to help out with Christmas. The residents don't think we care about them anymore. Discussion held. Subject will be looked at again once the budget has been reviewed.

ADJOURN AND HOLD CLOSED MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Motion passed to go into closed session at 7:30 pm.

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

November 2, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 7th day of December 2021.

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City Clerk