

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022
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, March 1, 2022, at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis –**arrives at 6:15 pm**
Alderwoman Abernathy –**video conference**
Alderman Watts
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

Mayor requests a motion and second to move the citizens participation segment of the agenda to the top of the agenda. Motion for citizens participation to be the first topic on the agenda made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts. An all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Bryan Glaenzer – Mr. Glaenzer, former City of Bel-Ridge police officer makes a request for a retirement badge, which he is willing to pay the cost. Alderman Watts makes a motion to grant the retirement badge without cost to Mr. Glaenzer and Alderman Whitaker seconds the motion. An all-favor vote is received.

Debra Wilkins – Ms. Wilkins is interested in the banquet hall on Natural Bridge in the plaza. City Clerk advises her to reach out to the owner, Judy Mei. Ms. Wilkins indicates the number for the owner on the door does not work. She is advised to ask one of the present tenants for a contact number for the owner.

Carolyn Hackworth – Ms. Hackworth states the residents at 4288 Smithfield continue to park huge business trucks on the streets and it's a hazard. Also, they still have trash everywhere and leaving their trash cans on the street. 4232 has moved but their trash cans are still out on the street. 4253 Smithfield never put their dogs on leashes while out. Discussion held.

Violet Taylor – Ms. Taylor is a candidate running for Normandy School Board. She's had 4 children to graduate from Normandy High School. The reason she is running is that she feels there are lots of things that need to be addressed in the district such as why are our children in Normandy School District not excelling? Takes a village to raise a child.

Kenya Stevens – Ms. Stevens would like to open a childcare center in Bel-Ridge. The location is 3327 Hanley Rd and the name will be **PreK University**. All inspections have been completed and passed. Alderwoman Davis motions to issue Ms. Stevens a business license for the child care center and Alderman Robinson seconds the motion. An all-favor vote received.

Darryl Robinson – Mr. Robinson states he has had the same complaints over and over again and I'm getting the same results from the Board. We need tickets written. Citizens are tired, we want to see results. Sgt Sanders states she will reach out to Prosecutor Cheung tomorrow. Discussion held.

Marilyn Martin – Ms. Martin asks what is the construction next to City Hall's parking lot? The mayor states it's a park being built at that location.

Motion to approve January 20, 2022 minutes, February 1, 2022 minutes and February 17, 2022 minutes made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Alderman Watts states this is standard language for Board agendas. Membership to be contacted and updated.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

January 2022 and February 2022 Disbursements – Motion to approve January and February 2022 consent agenda and disbursements made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, all-in favor voted received.

CITY ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

None

CITY CLERK REPORTS

MOPERM Insurance – Discussion held regarding insurance bill for police cars. Three (3) cars need to go back to leasing company, which we do not own these three 2019 cars. We need to move quickly because we're losing money and cars are sitting idle. City Clerk requests permission to return the three 2019 cars to the leasing company.

Acquisition of Bel-Ridge Police Vehicles
Purchase of Surplus Police Equipment
City Hall Occupancy

The above subject items will be discussed at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – The water company will start on Sargent then Ramona tomorrow. The City has to order four (4) replacement bulbs for lights in the park.

Alderman Watts advises documents are being prepared for Board to replace microphone.

Police Department – Normandy Police Sgt Tameka Sanders gives the monthly report of police services performed for the City of Bel-Ridge; 296 calls for service, 10 mobile tickets, and no count for handwritten tickets. We intend to get the vehicles by the end of the week. Discussion follows concerning current problems in Bel-Ridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1443 – an ordinance to prohibit parking vehicles on city property other than while conducting business at the city facility.

City Attorney O’Keefe leads the discussion explaining the concept and criteria for this ordinance.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1443 by caption only approving an ordinance to prohibit parking vehicles on city property other than while conducting business at the city facility made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1443 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 Bill 1443 into Ordinance made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes

Alderman Watts- Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Tope - Yes

Alderman Robinson- Yes

Alderwoman Abernathy – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1443, now Ordinance 2022-4.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made 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.

March 1, 2022, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 12th day of April 2022.



City Clerk