

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
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, January 3, 2023, at 6:25 PM.

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

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

Motion to approve the agenda for January 3, 2023, made by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Regular Session minutes by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

November 2022 Disbursements – Motion to approve November 2022 disbursements made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

2023 Budget Presentation -- City accountant Michele Graham presents the annual budget report. The proposed 2023 budget was distributed. Accountant states the budget must be passed in order for monies to be spent, according to state statute. All budgets can be amended, if necessary. City accountant goes through the budget with the Board and states she will answer any questions. Discussion held and questions from the Board and residents answered regarding the proposed 2023 budget.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Police Department

Sgt David Doss presents the following report: 335 service calls answered; 22 auto accidents reports; 22 traffic stops; 32 traffic citations; a few petty larcenies; a few resident stops with questions; people dropping their animals off, just not wanting to take care of them anymore. Further report of specific incidents that occurred:

12/2 – 8500 block of Natural Bridge -- a live burglary

12/6 – same group came back to 8800 Natural Bridge and the suspects arrested

12/8 – 7700 of Alva – resident assault with knife

12/23 – 8800 Snowhill – during a welfare check, female found deceased in living room, who was shot in the head. The male suspect committed suicide.

CITY CLERKS REPORT (continued)

Annual Salary Increases – City Clerk states the payment plan previously approved by the Board for the 2023 portion of the plan (Bill No. 1453).

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – Public Works Director states he has to go and do a four hour pre-depo meeting in St. Charles concerning the lady who tripped on Maybelle. He further states he has a phone call meeting with FEMA regarding the flood plain stuff. Also, the MSD Report is due 1/21/2023.

City Clerk would like to suggest to Normandy that we trade in the two 2018 on the new cars. Board says yes, it would be okay to suggest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1452 – an ordinance adopting an annual budget for fiscal year 2023 commencing on January 3, 2023 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1452 by caption only adopting an annual budget for fiscal year 2023 commencing on January 3, 2023 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Public Works Director asks questions about splitting bills for park funds. City Accountant states capital improvement for major equipment. Budget will need amending from time to time, not needed now but on a quarter to quarter basis.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1452 by caption only by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1452 made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1452, now Ordinance 2023-02.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.

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

January 3, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 7th day of February 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk