

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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, May 2, 2023, at 6:08 P.M.

**Roll Call**    **Board of Alderman Present**                      **Board of Aldermen Absent**

Alderman Brock

Alderwoman Davis (**arrived after roll call**)

Alderman Watts (**arrived after roll call**)

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

Motion to approve the agenda for May 2, 2023, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the March 7, 2023, Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-favor vote received.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Barbara Thompson** --- Store owner of Sisters Resale asks what is happening about the business break-ins. Ms. Thompson to speak directly with Chief Sanders when she arrives at this meeting. Ms. Thompson then asks when the City's last audit was conducted. Discussion held. Lst City audit was for the year 2020. Resident and Board have discussion regarding County taxes.

**Darryl Robinson** – Resident states there are never solutions made when closed sessions are held. Resident then asks what happened to COVID funds that Bel-Ridge received. Discussion held, funds are in the bank.

**Lonnie Trammel** – Business owner asks what he owes for his business license. Discussion held concerning Mr. Trammel's business.

**Elvis Fantroy** – Resident asks the city attorney question regarding process of parking on his street. Discussion held regarding parking solutions for the street. Fire Department to be contacted before "No Parking" sign to be installed. Ordinance to be prepared and voted on before the sign is installed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

April 2023 Disbursements – Motion to approve April 2023 disbursements made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

## **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**Swearing in of Aldermen Henry Watts, Jerome Robinson, Alan Whitaker and Gordon Brock** --- The swearing-in to be performed in the office.

**2019, 2020, 2021 2022 City Audit** --- Approval for RFP for City Audits made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-favor vote received.

**24:1 Letter requesting adoption of the Master Land Use & Economic Development Plan** --- Discussion held. City clerk to locate distributed plan before proceeding. Agenda item deferred.

## **CITY STAFF'S REPORT**

**Municipal Court** --- None

**Public Works** --- Public Works Director states the catfish is to be delivered end of May. Cost is \$1440 plus \$60 for delivery.

--- wrote 7 violations, 9 to go to prosecutor, who sent letters. Search warrants will be signed tomorrow at court session.

--- introduction of new code enforcement officer Roderick Reed. His duties described to the Board. Roderick Reed speaks to his past positions and current qualifications.

**Police Department** --- Chief Sanders gives the following report for the time period April 1, 2023 – May 1, 2023: 723 calls for service; 86 summons/tickets; 49 reports/3 traffic crashes.

Discussion held regarding outfitting new police vehicles. Solid numbers to be received shortly.

Discussion of flock cameras held.

Enforcement is up – stickers have been issued for illegal parking and derelict cars.

Chief Sanders describes the Citizens Police Academy. Deadline to enroll has passed.

Community Day to be announced. It's an all free event.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **BILLS**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

### **Other Discussions/Business**

Alderman Watts proposes the Board and Police Chief Sanders to meet with Bel-Ridge business owners to discuss security concerns. Discussion held. Dates of availability of business owners for this summit to be obtained by Alderman Watts. Board concurs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **Meeting adjourned.**

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

May 2, 2023 Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> day of August \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk