

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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, June 6, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

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

Alderwoman Davis

Alderman Brock

Alderman Watt (**arrives at 6:15 pm**)

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 June 6, 2023, made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the April 20, 2023 Special Session and May 10, 2023 Special Session minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Carolyn Hackworth --- Resident gives thanks to the city clerk for distributing pamphlets to all residents. Resident inquires as to whether a “No Parking” sign on trash days for her street (Smithfield) installed? Also, is the Board talking to American Water concerning the work they’ve done? Discussion held.

Barbara Thompson --- The U-Haul truck @9027 Marcellas have been moved after I called police a few times. Wanted to check on the water in the pavilion in the park (it’s on now). Discussion held as to kids’ behaviors in the community. Resident asks city clerk to discuss the ARPA and CARES monies in the bank and why it’s not on the budget. Discussion held.

Kenneth Robinson --- Resident states “old question that was never answered – American Water has messed up my sidewalk. They stated Bel-Ridge has signed off on it, so it is what it is. Discussion held. Public Works Director to contact American Water to have them come back out.

Jason Smalls (Energy Hub) --- Business owner is trying to expand and put a produce/fruit stand. Discussion held. Applicant to submit application/drawings/paperwork for expansion.

Lonnie Trammel --- Business owner had all the high grass and weed cut. Within two weeks all trailers/cars should be moved. Will pay business license. Discussion held.

Darryl Robinson --- Resident addresses business owners Lonnie Trammel and Jason Smalls concerning their businesses. Discussion held.

Janice Hulfui --- Resident states the house at 9027 Marcella has grass up to here (indicating height) and windows broken. It's an eyesore.
Discussion held.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

May 2023 Disbursements – Motion to approve May 2023 disbursements made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

CDBG Capital Improvement Project – Request for Qualifications

Discussion held. Motion to instruct staff to invite Weis Design Group at the next meeting made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-favor vote received.

Close and Transfer Dormant Bank Accounts; CARE Act Funds, GO Bond Account and unknown account (no name listed on bank statement)

Discussion held as to dormant bank accounts. Motion to authorize monies transfer into the appropriate accounts and to close dormant accounts made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

CREATION OF TIF COMMISSION PER KEVIN O'KEEFE

TIF Committee needs to be reactivated to close out the TIF account. Discussion held. Armstrong Teasdale recommends Mayor Fair, Alderman Watts and Alderman Tope be appointed as members of the TIF committee. The meeting is proposed to occur the week of July 17th and

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an be remote. Motion to appoint Mayor Fair, Alderman Watts and Alderman Tope as members of the TIF Committee made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – Public Works Director states resident Carolyn Smith wants to donate her vacant lot at 8910 Ramona. Discussion held. City attorney states the city has legal authority to accept donations of property and that it is a policy question of if the city wants it come off the tax rolls and the city to maintain it. Motion to authorize staff to prepare the paperwork to accept the donation of the property at 8910 Ramona made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Police Department --

Chief Sanders presents the following report: 845 service calls answered; 48 reports; 68 traffic tickets; 26 accidents.

New Hires: Major Matthew Larson became the new Asst. Police Chief and Captain Beekman is the new General Patrol Division Head. Both will be introduced at the next board meeting.

18 officers were on patrol on May 16th as part of the Saturation Detail Program. Sixteen summons were written, as well as numerous warnings. Discussion held regarding the Saturation Detail Program process; 449 business checks 6 pm – 6 am.

Discussion held regarding animals in the city. Animal control policy discussed.

Alderman Robinson visited the City of Normandy to discuss municipal court operations services that Normandy provides. Discussion held. Motion to get a proposal for court services from Normandy made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis – No

Alderman Watts – No

Alderman Brock -- No

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- No

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion failed.

Public Works Director states a proposal has been received from the contractor to work on the house at 8610 Wales. Discussion held. Contractor to appear before the Board at the next board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderman Watts states city staff will send correspondence to all businesses to get available dates for a sit down face-to-face communication summit to discuss safety, concerns and what can be done. Discussion held. Suggetion to have a town hall meeting instead of a summit was made by a business owner.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis --- Yes

Alderman Brock --- Yes

Alderman Watts --- Yes

Alderman Tope --- Yes

Alderman Whitaker --- Yes

Alderman Robinson --- Yes

Meeting adjourned.

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

June 6, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this
_____ 1st day of August 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk