

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call **Board of Alderman Present**

Alderman Brock

Alderman Tope

Alderman Watt (**arrives late**)

Alderman Robinson

Alderman Whitaker

Mayor Fair

Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderwoman Davis

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Fair opens Public Hearing for public comments on the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2023 on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge MO. City attorney states the reason for this public hearing in detail.

Alderman Whitaker describes his interaction with appealing the increase in his property taxes.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

Motion to amend agenda to add a closed session after adjournment of this meeting made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the amended agenda for September 12, 2023, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the July 16, 2023 Working Session, August 1, 2023 Regular Session and August 10, 2023 Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-favor vote received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Earl Chapman --- Resident states he still has a tree problem; electric wire around the oak tree. Also neighbor has an unused car parked blocking streets – someone needs to talk to these people. Public Works Director Herndon states he's got this. Further discussion held.

Normandy School District --- Willie Robinson is the spokesperson for Normandy School District. The new name of the facility is Normandy Services Center of Bel-Ridge. Request is made to park in front of the facility. City attorney addresses the Board that school districts have to follow safety measures of that city. Discussion held regarding school bus pickups and drop-offs, deliveries and parking at the facility.

Alderman Watts leaves the meeting

Darryl Robinson --- Resident asks why does the agenda say there's no unfinished business when every topic prior has been tabled? Resident states he sees that Popeye's building has been boarded up. Discussion held as to the current condition of that building. Resident states that more attention needs to be paid to the vacant buildings in Bel-Ridge. Discussion held as to MSD current working status.

Lonnie Tremmell --- Business owner gives statement as to his delinquent taxes status. Mr. Trammell requests one week to complete his business license renewal. Board grants 10 day extension.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Revocation of Delinquent 2023 Business License for L & T Super Service, located in Bel-Acres Shopping Center -- Topic discussed previously in Citizen Participation.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney

No additional items.

Municipal Court

None

Public Works City Hall Exterior Repairs – Two bids have been received and distributed to the Board. One of the bids, Larry Brooks, answers questions from the Board. Ordinance to be prepared to approve the repairs.

Update on Dangerous Buildings – Certified letters have been sent to three (3) buildings; Popeye's Chicken, 8726 Trumbell and 3669 E Edgar. They have been given 30 days for repairs/demolition. At the end of the process and after the hearing, the City can demolish the buildings. September 28 is the deadline date.

Housing Court – Director Herndon has court scheduled on September 22, Roderick is going to attend also.

No Parking Signs for Boston – Previously discussed.

2023 Tree Grant – 39 trees pruned, 7-9 trees removed. We're going to plant 8 or 9 trees. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) – Twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) check will need to be given to them but they won't cash it. Twenty-eight hundred dollars is the estimated total cost.

Water Leak on 3400 North Hanley – Decision for repairs is to wait until St. Louis County do their repairs to keep costs low.

Purchase of Pet Waste Signs – Ten (10) pet waste signs have been purchased and Director Herndon would like to spread them throughout

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the city. Is an ordinance required to post them? City attorney to verify no ordinance is needed.

Police Department – Chief Sanders gives monthly status report for August 1 through September 1: 1757 calls for service; 133 police report; 348 tickets; 168 business checks.

City Administration Sam Johnson is working on court services contract proposal. Meeting to be held between Mayor Beckman and Mayor Fair. Parking on Boston previously discussed. Criminal activity down; there are more officers. Traffic enforcement is up because more officers are patrolling. All the new vehicles are in and have been picked up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1462 – an ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2023 on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1462 by caption only establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2023 on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by

Alderman Brock, all in-favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1462 by caption only by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock, all in-favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1462 made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Brock.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock -- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson – Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1462, now Ordinance 2023-12.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN AND HOLD CLOSED MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Alderman Brock -- Yes

Alderman Tope -- Yes

Alderman Whitaker -- Yes

Alderman Robinson -- Yes

Meeting adjourned.

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

September 12, 2023, Board Meeting and Public Hearing minutes were approved by the Board this 3rd day of October 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk

