

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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, October 3, 2023, at 6:08 P.M.

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

Alderwoman Davis (arrived late)

Alderman Brock

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

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

October 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes taken by Andrea L. Jones, City Clerk

Motion to amend the September 12, 2023, minutes to correct addresses made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve the amended September 12, 2023, Regular Session minutes made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-favor vote received.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Rebecca Cogshell** --- Street parking – you can barely get through on the streets because of big trucks. Some have started putting cars/trucks in their backyards. There are now Airbnb's and families moving families into their houses. Discussion held.

**Harriet White** --- I have lived here for over 50 years. Piggybacking to what Ms. Cogshell said, we don't know who lives in what houses. So many cars in driveways/on the street. Trash is not being picked up because trash trucks can't get through. Discussion was held as to possible solutions.

**Barbara Thompson** – Why don't we have anyone spraying anymore? Mosquitos are so big. City Clerk is to investigate resuming services for spraying as the County is the responsible party for spraying and we would pay for their services

**Deanna Bonner** – I have lived at 3137 Thelma since 1997. This year has been terrible. Have called the police. Basketball hoops all over my property. Their parents are unapproachable. Children repeatedly say to me "this isn't your driveway". What can be done? Discussion held – police intervention and non-remedies discussed. Resident complaints to be looked int promptly.

**Darryl Robinson** – Want to know if the Board hears the cry of the citizens?

Alderman Robinson asks why there is a sign on the old Sista's Resale business. The previous owner states that person has not been before the Board yet and should not have put the sign up.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Sanders makes the following report for September 1 – October 1, 2023: 515 calls for service, 51 summons/tickets, 60 reports.

Chief Sanders discusses the change of the non-emergency police number from 314-889-2341 to 636-529-8210. The reason for the change is that the 314-889-2341 number was originally for police dispatchers but the number got out to the public and was misused. The public now complains that they call the police, and no one shows up. Chief Sanders recommends calling 911 and you will be properly routed to an appropriate dispatcher. Discussion held.

Chief Sanders discusses the insurance invoice for Bel-Ridge vehicles given to the city clerk.

Traffic enforcement: REJIS was hacked, and Normandy was not writing tickets for anyone. It was a regional issue, and everyone was impacted.



## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **CITY CLERK REPORTS**

**New Business Application @8957 Natural Bridge – Maurice Leggette –** Applicant does not appear.

**By discussion of the board to amend Chapter 365 section 365.070 Commercial Vehicles Prohibited from using certain streets and section 365.080 --** Alderman Robinson leads the discussion concerning commercial vehicles and the routes/streets being used. Discussion held regarding action needed to correct language in current ordinance pertaining to commercial vehicles parking and driving in Bel-Ridge. Attorney to research Bel-Ridge's Ordinance.

## **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**City Attorney ---** None

**Municipal Court ---** None

**Public Works ---** Code Enforcer Officer Reed reports he has written 90 reports since he started working at Bel-Ridge. Discussion held as to proper procedures of violations before being sent to the prosecutor. Twenty-seven (27) non-occupancy permits violations to be issued.

The city attorney states there are 3 dangerous buildings that will be scheduled for hearings as the 30 days for action taken has passed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

None

Alderman Robinson asks what business is going into the old Rib Shack barbeque building. Discussion held regarding obtaining permits for that building and the fact that no one has been to city hall for a business license.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

**Basketball Goals – Alderman Davis** – Alderman Davis states this subject has been previously discussed. Mayor Fair states all basketball goals violations have to be addressed, not just some of them.

Discussion held as to the City hosting a Halloween Party for the community; date of event and request for volunteers. Flyers are being prepared to be distributed throughout the community.

### **BILLS**

**Bill 1463** – an ordinance approving an agreement with What Matters Most Construction LLC, for maintenance services related to needed repairs at the Bel-Ridge City Hall and Municipal Complex.

Specifics of Bill 1463 stated by the city attorney. Discussion held as to the contract bid submitted by the company. Discrepancies discussed.

Motion to table this bill until the next meeting made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Alderman Watts proposes October 28, 2023, from 6-9 p.m. at Bel-Ridge City Hall for the Halloween party. Flyers are to be created tomorrow and will be on the website as well as hand-delivered throughout the community. The budget for the party was discussed. Mayor okays the party,

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **Meeting adjourned.**

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

October 3, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 17th day of November 2023.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk

