

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019**

Mayor Fair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance as Follows:

Alderman Abernathy	- Present
Alderman Watts	- Present
Alderman Tope	- Present
Alderman Ruff	- Present
Alderman Whitaker	- Present
Alderman Robinson	- Present
Mayor Fair	- Present

Also, in attendance, Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda with the adding a presentation regarding MSD Stormwater Program was made Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board of Aldermen Meeting, the February 5, 2019 Board of Aldermen Meeting, the February 14, 2019 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting, the March 13, 2019 Public Hearing regarding Springwood Apartments and the July 2, 2019 Board of Aldermen Meeting was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and unanimously approved.

Appointment to Parks & Recreation Board: Mayor Fair nominated Jan Hake to the Parks & Recreation Board effective 8/12/2019, replacing Cynthia Brown's one-year term. A motion to approve the Mayor's nominations was made by Alderman Wilma Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Watts, and unanimously approved.

Voice Vote on the appointment of Jan Hake to the Parks & Recreation Board effective 8/12/19 carried unanimously.

Members newly appointed to the City Plan Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and Board of Adjustment will be sworn in later.

Financial Report: A motion to approve the payment of bills for July 2019 was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Aldermen Robinson, and unanimously approved.

Bill No. 1382, Ord. No. 2019-12: An acknowledgment to approve the name correction to existing Bill No. 1382 Ord. No. 2019-12 for appointing new members to the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri's Board of Adjustment, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Parks & Recreation Board.

A motion for the acknowledgment of correction to Bill No. 1382 Ord. No. 2019-12, was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and unanimously approved.

MSD Stormwater Presentation: Rich Lissinger spoke regarding the storm water taxes. In 2016, Proposition S (Stormwater Funding & Service Equalization) passed which covered operation and maintenance of storm water. In April 2019, Proposition S (Stormwater Capital Rate) did not pass. MSD is looking for public input for tax rates recommendations. A decision needs to be made by December 31, 2019. Discussion was held by the Board and City residents. No action was taken.

PARK GRANT: Jay Wohlschlaeger was present for the 2nd public hearing in the park grant process. Mr. Wohlschlaeger provided an update on the park grant designs. Specifically, the goal is to provide a vision for the master plan/construction grant(s) which are due at the end of August. The City is eligible for \$315,000.00 in grant funding. A display of the proposed plans for the parks was shown by Mr. Wohlschlaeger. The Board held a discussion and engaged with the resident on the plans.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-M: A resolution regarding utilizing Citywide Janitorial Services.

Mark Sacton of Citywide Janitorial Services made a presentation regarding the company and what it expects the services will be for the City. Specifically, to; maintain the cleanliness and the safety of the building. There would be no continuing contract; Citywide Janitorial Services would operate on month-to-month basis. Mr. Sacton presented a service agreement with detailed information concerning the company and services. The Board discussed the agreement and asked questions of Mr. Sacton. Chief Harris mentioned that the distribution of building keys would have to be figured out; ultimately, it was decided that an officer would be present when Citywide Janitorial Services was present at City Hall., There was additional public participation.

A motion to approve Resolution 2019-M and the execution of the service agreement with City Wide Janitorial Services contingent upon the terms and conditions set forth by the Board was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Watts, and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Abernathy	Yes
Watts	Yes
Tope	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-N: A resolution regarding the City of Bel-Ridge 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan. The Board discussed the legality of the 401(K) Plan. The listed Trustee of the Plan must be changed as the Trustee is still listed as the City's previous mayor.

A motion to adopt Resolution N. 2019-N was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Watts, approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Abernathy	Yes
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Watts	Yes
Tope	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-O: A resolution to extend the City's business and approve an engagement agreement with Hochschild, Bloom's Engagement Plan as City Auditors.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2019-O was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Watts, and approved by a roll call votes as follows:

Abernathy	Yes
Watts	Yes
Tope	Yes
Ruff	Yes
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Yes

BILL NO. 1387: An ordinance pertaining to a temporary construction easement for MSD.

Representative JD Buckingham from MSD explained MSD's need for a temporary construction easement for use west of 3119 N. Hanley Road. The easement should not be utilized more than several weeks. However, trees may be lost, but MSD would compensate the City for any trees lost. Mr. Buckingham related that MSD would like to have the easement this month. MSD will work with Carey and Public Works and report its findings at next Board meeting. MSD will additionally have to rebuild some concrete walls. Ultimately, it was decided by the Board to approve Bill No. 1387 at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

A motion for the first reading of Bill No. 1387 was made by Alderman Watts, seconded by Alderman Abernathy and unanimously approved.

Attorney O'Keefe read Bill No. 1387 for the first time.

Bill No 1387 passed as an agenda item to next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Watts: Letters were sent out to all current and previous committee members thanking them for their service. New members will be sworn in at their orientation meeting.

Police Department (Chief Harris): There was a stabbing on Elsworth and Hanley. The police department has received a lot of calls regarding Lowe's Night Club, because it is still serving alcohol at 1:45 am. The fire department has closed the night club down. If the night club receives any more violations the State will pull the club's liquor license.

Police have received lots of complaints regarding curfew violations. Until 2020 when the age of a juvenile changes to 18 years of age, the parents will continue to receive citations.

Problems continue to occur at the motel. For example, an individual overdosed at the location on Friday night.

The Police Department is working with Alderman Abernathy on the Fishing Derby.

Alderman Robinson and Chief Harris regarding his response to a citizen's complaint regarding the police department.

Parks (Alderman Abernathy): Alderman Abernathy asked permission to use City Hall for a repass on August 23, 1:30 to 4:00 pm. All donations will be accepted. Alderman Abernathy also would like to have a meeting Wednesday at 1:00 pm, to discuss games and activities regarding Bel-Ridge's Fall Festival. Volunteers are needed for this event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Martin: Ms. Martin stated that she has already stated her concerns earlier in the meeting.

Darryl Robinson: In regard to the MSD presentation, Mr. Robinson reported that behind St. Henry Lane, where the creek is located, there is a lot of erosion.

Mr. Robinson additionally discussed the abandoned and/or vacant properties throughout the City.

Alderman Watts asked the Board whether the Homestead Program should continue or be cancelled. A discussion was held. Further discussion of the Homestead Program was tabled.

Alderman Tope asked Chief Harris whether it is possible for a citizen to have an anonymous complaint against an officer. A discussion was held.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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

August 12, 2019, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 17th
day of January, 2019.



Andrea Jones, City Clerk

