

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4,2020
6:00 PM**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and attendance called by City Clerk, Andrea Jones.

ROLL CALL

Abernathy- Present
Watts - Present
Ruff - Present
Tope - Present
Whitaker – Present (Video Conference)
Robinson – Absent
Mayor Fair- Present

City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe and Kate Henry present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Robinson, and all in favor vote taken and zero oppose. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for September 23, 2019, October 1, 2019, and October 17, 2019, by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and all in favor vote taken and zero opposed.

Discussion of Hanley Demolition and Water tap issue

St. Louis County is not going to pay for the cost of destroying the water tap on North Hanley. The attorney makes a recommendation that if the city wants the tap destroyed using the CDBG Funds to move on it.

Motion to remove water taps from 3400 and 3402 North Hanley by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and all in favor vote taken and zero opposed. Motion passed.

Business License Fee

The City Clerk identified some documents of the 2016 business license fee. The attorney will prepare a draft ordinance and have ready for the next board meeting.

Alderman Ruff inquired about the Parking Spot fee going up. The City Clerk informed the board that the fee for the Parking Spot was on the ballot and voted on for business to pay \$15.00 per year/ per spot. The previous regimen changed it to \$1,000 which was not on a ballot. The clerk provided the company with an ordinance and collected the correct amount.

NEW COURT ADMINISTRATION

The Board introduced TJ Clark as the new Court Administrator.

SUPPORT OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE NBR STUDY GREAT STREETS PROJECT

A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-c regarding the NBR PE Study Phase 2 of the Natural Bridge Road street project and approving the cost of \$200 to get the application process started by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy and all in favor vote taken and zero opposed. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Cary Herndon to attend training and certification for residential inspections with 24:1 by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson and all in favor vote taken and zero opposed. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the City Clerk to attend Spring Training in March by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy and all in favor voted taken and zero opposed. Motion Passed.

St. Louis County Department of Transportation is asking to acquire the right to the improvement of North Hanley's resurfacing. A while back Erika Macon presented to the board about the easements. They are offering \$328.00 to do so.

Motion to approve St. Louis County Department of Transportation to acquire the rights of an easement on N. Hanley for improvement for \$328 by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Abernathy and all in favor voted taken and zero opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE REPORTS- discuss new stickers to pass out to elderly or disabled so emergency divisions responding to residents will know.

Alderman Robinson's concerns are about speeders in the neighborhood.

PUBLIC WORKS- Alderman Watts comments (non-audible).

PARKS AND RECREATION- Alderman Abernathy comments (non-audible).

CITY ATTORNEY- reminds the board, they will need to motion for a closed meeting to discuss attorney-client communications, section 610.021 (1).

Alderman Robinson asks if there was an ordinance that he couldn't request personal information on a resident in the community to help contact them. The attorney will give legal advice in a closed session.

Motion to hold a closed session to deal with the matters relating to legal action section 610.021 (1) by Alderman Robinson and Alderman Abernathy.

Roll Call

Abernathy – Yes

Watts- Yes

Tope- Yes

Ruff- Yes

Whitaker- Yes

Robinson- Yes

The motion passed for a closed session.

MAYOR- mentions three things that he has been working on for the City.

- Working on the street project from Hanley and Natural Bridge
- Bring in Burger King at Hanley and Natural Bridge, which is already in motion.
- Looking to bring in a fish and chicken restaurant in the Bel-Ridge Plaza.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darryl Robinson- feels that displaying stickers on elderly homes gives criminals awareness of who is in the homes. He feels that is not a good idea.
Gordon Brock- Speaks on loaning a radar gun out to Alderman Robinson at one point when he was Chief that when he received the radar gun back it was still in working in order as of July 2016.

Detective Strong asks why would a citizen be running radar for law enforcement?

Alderman Watts- speaks about the Proclamation he previously asked the board to sign for his mother-in-law for her birthday. He shows the board the proclamation and mentions that he would like it to become the template for Bel-Ridge in the future if the city wants to recognize any other citizens.

Motion to approve the proclamation by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Abernathy, all in favor and zero opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

Time: 6:54pm

February 4, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes where approved by the Board of Aldermen on this 1st day of September, 2020.


City Clerk

