

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderman Watts	Alderman Abernathy
Alderman Tope	
Alderman Whitaker	
Alderman Robinson	
Mayor Fair	

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

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS

Director of Public Works, Cary Herndon was asked by Board to complete an inventory of Bel-Ridge-owned property and access to see if it can be put up for sale. The addresses Cary provided were 9136 Loganberry, 2901 N. Hanley, and 2926 Higginson. The Board will decide if they want to offer property for sale and place an ad in the newspaper. The Board continued the discussion.

The board proceeded to make a motion and no amending of the agenda taken place for Resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – 2021-M

A motion made by Alderman Robinson declaring Real Estate owned by the city as surplus and authorizing the sale or disposal and second made by Alderman Tope.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes
Alderman Abernathy	Absent

Motion passed for Resolution 2021-M / Correction to Resolution is 2021-P

The ad will be place in St. Louis American and/or The Countian and the deadline to accept bids to July 1, 2021.

RFP FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT PROPERTIES

Alderman Tope stated no developer will support the real estate value in this area. He suggested speaking with Jerry Meyer who builds government subsidy homes and get a list of all developers that will do this. A list of lots should be prepared and provided. Alderman Tope also mentions Equity Homes also participates in building subsidy homes. Alderman Tope says the mayor can send a letter to the companies that build those types of homes with a list of what is available.

REVIEW OF SOFTWARE OPTIONS FOR CITY HALL

Discussion took place of looking into purchasing a software program to run business for the City Hall. The city Clerk will work with the accountant and get some proposals and speak with other municipalities to see what they use.

SIGNATORY APPROVAL OF BILL INVOICES

The Board is working on creating a policy of approving bills and will have Alderman Davis and/or Alderman Watts as a backup to look over and approve bills for the City. Alderman Robinson motions and Alderman Davis second, an all-in favor vote received.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The City Clerk and Alderman Watts are working with Paychex Representative to provide an updated version for employees.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL

Bill 1418- An ordinance authorizing contracts for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of two city-owned properties.

A motion for 1st reading of Bill 1418 by caption only authorizing contracts for asbestos abatement and demolition of two city-owned properties made by Alderwoman Davis and second by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

A motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1418 read by caption only by Alderwoman Davis and second by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading was done by City Attorney.

Motion to approve by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Whitaker for Bill 1418 to become Ordinance authorizing contracts for asbestos abatement and demolition of two city-owned properties.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy	Absent
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes

Motion passed Bill 1418 is now Ordinance 2021-6. Correction made to Bill number and Ordinance Bill 1419 and Ordinance 2021-7.

DISCUSSION FOR TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Fair removed this discussion from the table.

Motion to adjourn and go to a closed session made by Alderwoman Davis according to Section 610.021 (1) legal action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representative or attorneys and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	Yes
Alderman Watts	Yes
Alderwoman Abernathy	Absent
Alderman Tope	Yes
Alderman Whitaker	Yes
Alderman Robinson	Yes

Motion adjourned and proceed to close the session.

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

May 20, 2021 work session minutes were approved by the Board this 15th day of June _____ 2021.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk

