

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022
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, May 3, 2022, at 6:15 PM.

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

Alderwoman Davis
Alderman Watts
Ardwoman Abernathy (by video conference)
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

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

Motion to approve the agenda for May 3, 2022, made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve April 12, 2022 Regular Session minutes made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-favor vote received.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Carl Chapman – Welsberg – There are problems that could have been solved:

- Why doesn't Bel-Ridge have a complaint form? City Clerk responds there are complaint forms in city hall office.
- Police was called and they came five times and did nothing; told me to go to city hall and that you will shoot dog next time he attacks you. Dog disappeared the next day.
- Vehicle blocks driveway. Discussion held resident and Sgt T. Sanders, who will look further into the matter for resolution.

- The tree man cut down neighbor's trees which fell into my yard and knocked down a fence. Discussion held regarding cutting down trees and ordinance regarding such activity.

Julia Anderson – Werder – People are continuing to speed down the street. Vacant house on my street has door wide open. Public Works Director responds they have put screws in door to keep it locked. Stray cats are in the neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

April 2022 Disbursements – No action taken.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

ARPA Project & Expenditure Report – City accountant and city clerk completed the report that was due April 30, 2022.

CDBG Requirement Notification – Printed copies of the requirements for CDBG are in packet for Board review, along with the requirements agreement.

Sewer Lateral Program; Requested by Mayor Fair – Alderman Tope gives overview of the Bel-Ridge Sewer Lateral Program. No changes have been made since the inception of the program, 20 years ago. Proposal would increase \$22.00 to homeowners. Discussion held.

Code Enforcement; Requested by Mayor Fair – Mayor Fair recommends the hiring of a part time code enforcement officer, maybe 3 days a week. Discussion held as to job description and salary, and whether the person will be able to write tickets. Alderman Robinson states he may know someone.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – Cary Herndon, Public Works Director:

- Insurance for police cars – have we received documentation on the cancelling of insurance? City Clerk responds we have the documentation and have also received the check. Director Herdon states the snow plower and salt spreader needs to be added to the insurance plan.
- Explorers – Director Herndon asks the status of selling the explorers, as well as the crown vic to Normandy. Discussion held. Sgt Sanders to research answers.
- The skid loader needs repairs. He has asked for repair estimates and have not received any as of yet. Discussion held. Equipment to be repaired, taking costs from the Park Fund.
- Current city hall building is shifting and moving a lot. Two doors won't latch anymore. Discussion held.

Police Department – Normandy Police Sgt Tameka Sanders gives the monthly report of police services performed for the City of Bel-Ridge; 222 calls for service, 22 police reports, 19 summonses and 2 very serious police reports. Sgt Sanders states Normandy police is up to full staff, added 2 females; they will be focusing more on traffic moving violations. There's a big crime ring of carjacking and car theft. There is now a anti-theft task force formed for this crime wave. Discussion held regarding specific crime in Bel-Ring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

None

BILLS

Bill 1448 – an ordinance of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri, calling for an election to authorize the city to increase and impose the annual fee for sewer lateral repair.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1448 by caption only approving an ordinance of the city of Bel-Ridge, Missouri, calling for an election to authorize the city to increase and impose the annual fee for sewer lateral repair made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1448 by caption only by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt Bill 1448 into ordinance made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis- Yes

Alderman Watts- Yes

Alderwoman Abernathy - Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Tope - Yes

Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion passed for Bill 1448, now Ordinance 2022-9.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mayor Fair invites City Prosecutor Keith Cheung to address the Board's questions and concerns. Alderman Robinson asks the prosecutor what were his duties. Prosecutor Cheung explains his duties, current number of code enforcement activities and legal procedures which are mandated by law. Discussion held for future solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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

May 3, 2022, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 7th day of June 2022.



City Clerk