

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 1, 2019
6:03 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was called by City Clerk Andrea Jones.

Also present was City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

Roll Call

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

Also in attendance were Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADDITION

Alderman Abernathy motioned to approve agenda addition and Alderman Robinson seconded.

Voice vote on the motion to approve the agenda addition. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Passed to add presentation of easements by Erikka Macon, St. Louis County Representative as new business.

OLD BUSINESS

UNTABLE JULY 31, 2019 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Abernathy moves to untable July 31, 2019 minutes for approval. Alderman Whitaker seconded.

Voice Vote on the motion to untable July 31, 2019 minutes for approval carried unanimously.

Mayor requests motion and second for approval of July 31, 2019 minutes. Alderman Abernathy moves to approve the aforementioned minutes. Alderman Robinson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on the motion to approve aforementioned meeting minutes carried unanimously. Minutes are now before the Board for action.

RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE HOMESTEAD PROGRAM

Topic passed down until Alderman Watts arrives to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE

Erikka Macon of St. Louis County Transportation Department, made a presentation regarding upcoming sidewalk improvements. The plan for Hanley Road is to mill or move 3 inches of the alphalt. By federal law requirements, they are required to upgrade the sidewalks; hence the reason they are asking for a few parcels that are owned by the City of Bel-Ridge, which will give a tiny slither for sidewalk easement. Forty-two (42) pieces of land from St. Charles Rock Road to Natural Bridge will be acquired for sidewalk improvements to make them ADA compliant. The project is scheduled to begin Spring 2021. Sample has been given to Mayor Fair (Agreement, title company documents, booklet describing entire process).

HOMESTEAD PROGRAM

A new ordinance to end Homestead Program to be drafted by City Attorney for next meeting.

BILL #1391 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE TO ACQUIRE 3410 MAYBELLE

BILL 1391 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE ST LOUIS COUNTY COLLECTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTURATE THE CONVEYANCE.

Alderman Robinson moved to approve the first reading of Bill 1391 by title only. Seconded by Alderman Abernathy. The motion carried unanimously. The first reading was read by title only.

Alderman Abernathy moved to approve the second reading of Bill 1391 by title only. Seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion carried unanimously. The second reading was read by title only.

Motion to adopt Bill 1391 made by Alderman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Robinson.

Roll Call:

Abernathy Yes
Watts Absent

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Tope	Yes
Ruff	Absent
Whitaker	Yes
Robinson	Yes

4 Yes/ 2 Absent

Motion passed Bill 1391 to Ordinance 2019-21.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL TO EXTEND CURRENT BUSINESS AT 8931 NATURAL BRIDGE RD FOR AIRPORT WHOLESALE

The existing business would like to open 8931 and expand the business to furniture store.

Alderman Robison moved to approve business license and seconded by Alderman Abernathy. Voice vote on motion to extend current business license carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2018, AUGUST 12, 2019 AUGUST 27, 2019

City Attorney O;Keefe request that this item of three (3) sets of minutes is tabled.

Alderman Robinson motion to table approval of three (3) sets of minutes and seconded by Alderman Abernathy.

Voice vote taken and is carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PART TIME CITY MANAGER

Discussion is held regarding hiring of a city manager. City Clerk to run ad for part time city manager. City staff to present proposal to Mayor for consideration and to report at next meeting. Item is tabled.

DISCUSSION OF PITBULLS IN COMMUNITY

Lengthy discussion held regarding pitbulls biting people in the community. Rules are not being followed. Mail lady is using spray to keep the dogs away. Ordinance relating to dogs to be revisited and amended for enforcement purposes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SEPTEMBER BILLS

Mayor Fair requests motion to acknowledge and approve September bills. Alderman Abernathy moves to acknowledge and approve bills. Alderman Whitaker seconded the motion.

Voice vote on the motion to acknowledge and approve September bills carried unanimously.

Motion passed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Harris --- The City picnic/Fishing derby had a good turnout. The next event will be the Halloween party, which will be held October 26, 2019. Thanks to Hank, Cary, Doug and Arthur.

Public Works – Cary Herndon --- Cary and Alderman Watts met with MSD for the right away. They will use the right away that Ameren currently uses. Target start is Fall 2020 to repair one collapsed wall.

Parks – Alderman Abernathy --- Thanks to everyone who helped with picnic/fishing derby.

City Attorney – Attorney O’Keefe --- Requests to hold closed meeting for discussion of litigation and other legal matters.

Mayor Fair --- No report

Roll Call vote to go into a Closed Session according to RSMo 610.021(1): Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Alderman Abernathy made a motion to go into a Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

Roll Call:

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

The Closed Session reconvened in an open session..

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Darryl Jackson – Would like to open an outreach program. Discussion held. We will offer opportunities to community --- House of Worship.

Darryl Robinson – Board/Chief never gives citizens answers. Why is a city manager needed when we have a mayor? Dog situation: police gives excuses why no one comes out. I’m holding the Board accountable.

Jamil Glasby – 3414 St. Thomas Moore – Asking about curfew for underage kids. Do we have one? Police Chief Harris responds that yes, we have one. It is 9:30 weekdays. Is it enforced?

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Yes. Parents are issued a citation. Discussion held as to proper procedures to follow for contacting/reporting incidents/problems.

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Whitaker makes a motion to adjourn and Alderman Abernathy seconds.

Voice Vote to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

Motion Passed to Adjourn the meeting

Meeting End time at 6:26 pm

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

October 1, 2019, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 4th
day of February, 2020.

Andrea Jones
City Clerk

