

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022  
6:05 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen Town Hall Meeting and Working Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Board of Aldermen Present**

Alderman Watts

Alderman Tope

Alderman Whitaker

Alderman Robinson

Mayor Fair

**Board of Aldermen Absent**

Alderwoman Davis

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

**Public Hearing – 2023 Annual Tax Levy Rate on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge MO Opened by Mayor Fair at 6:15 pm**

Resident Darryl Robinson asks what is the current tax rate. Attorney Kate Henry answers the current rate is \$.35 for every \$100.00. Resident Robinson further asks why is this item on the agenda if the rate is not going to change? Answer is by law, it has to be voted on every year. Discussion held.

No further questions received, no opposition received.

Alderman Robinson motions to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-favor vote received.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Revocation of Dollar General’s Business License**

Discussion held as to how to proceed with Dollar General. Several requests and notifications not answered. City Attorney Kate Henry to confer with City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, as well as Dollar General’s legal counsel to see what next steps are appropriate since proper notification is complete.

**Acceptance of Sealed Bids for Ford Crown Victoria**

City has received one sealed bid for the vehicle. Sealed bid opened. Ricky Davis offered \$400.00 for the vehicle. Discussion held, including procedure questions, which were

answered by the Board. Motion to accept bid with five days to pay and 5 days afterwards to pick up vehicle by Alderman Whitaker, seconded by Alderman Watts. Aldermen Watts, Whitaker and Tope vote in favor. Alderman Robinson abstains.

### **Discussion and Vote on CDBG Assignment**

Discussion held as to which street should be designated for the grant. Maybelle Avenue is selected to be done. Motion to approve Maybelle Avenue for the CDBG grant made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-favor vote received.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bills**

**Bill 1450** – an ordinance establishing the annual tax rate for a tax levy for the year 2022 on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill 1450 by caption only an ordinance establishing the annual tax rate for a tax levy for the year 2022 on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri, made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1<sup>st</sup> reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill 1450 by caption only by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading done by City Attorney.

### **ROLL CALL**

Alderman Watts- Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Tope - Yes

Alderman Robinson- Abstain

**Motion passed for Bill 1450, now Ordinance 2022-11.**

Alderman Robinson asks who authorized payment to Gray Bar when they moved out and how many people are required to sign a check in that amount? Discussion held regarding authorization of payment to Gray Bar, whether or not return payment was proper procedure and Alderman Tope asked if a letter could be sent requesting the payment be returned to the City. City Attorney Kate Henry to research the matter and report to the Board.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Tope, an all in-favor vote received.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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

September 22, 2022, Town Hall Meeting and Working Session minutes were approved by the Board this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.

Andrea R. Jones  
City Clerk