

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, September 1, 2020**  
**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, September 1, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderwoman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve February 4, 2020, regular meeting minutes made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderwoman Abernathy, an all-in favor voted received.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill # 1407 for the Board of Alderman to adopt an ordinance for the 2020Y Budget. A motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading was made by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received and read by City Attorney.

Motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for Bill # 1407 for Board to adopt an Ordinance for 2020Y Budget made by Alderwoman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received and read by City Attorney.

A motion to adopt Bill 1407 by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy.

**ROLL CALL**

Alderwoman Abernathy – Yes  
Alderman Watts- Yes  
Alderman Tope- Yes  
Alderwoman Davis- Yes  
Alderman Whitaker- Yes  
Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion passed Bill # 1407 now Ordinance 2020-17.

**DISCUSSION OF PREPARED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Alderman Watts commented on the job description and its process. The Board of Aldermen continued the discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion with City Engineer- Wade from Paladian about the salt bin at the Public Works garage. Wade presents to the Board the different salt bins that would be best to purchase.

Cary, Public Works Director, has spoken with various companies on getting quotes. Cary felt it would be best to turn this over to the engineer to take a look at the foundation. All the companies had concerns about the foundation having cracks. Cary requested to have the City Engineer send a structural engineer out and examine the foundation. According to Wade, the estimate would be \$90/hr. to examine and that he can also put together a bid packet and allow other contractors to bid on the job.

Discussion with City Engineer also was held possibly to have the parking lot repaved and sinkhole fixed requested by Alderman Watts. Alderman Tope did not agree to needing a City Engineer and suggested having an asphalt company do the job.

Alderman Watts asked the board to clarify not engaging the City Engineer and not needing his services on jobs that require expert advice. Alderman Robinson suggested calling MSD to come out and take a look at the sinkhole to see if any issues were taking place underground.

Alderman Watts also requested if the parking lot can be re-stripped.

### **AFINIA HEALTHCARE**

Reyna Spencer from 24:1 presents to the Board that Afinia Healthcare is asking to set up a mobile testing site for COVID-19 in the City of Bel-Ridge. They will be utilizing the parking lot on St. Thomas at the Normandy School old childcare center as a drive-by testing site. Everyone will stay in their car and this will be a one-day event.

Reyna also asks the elected officials to start communicating with other elected officials so that they can be aware of things such as the Cares Act Funding that will be available. The Board will need to pass an ordinance to receive the funding to help support the offset funding for Safety expenses.

### **DETERMINATION AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2021 ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BEL- RIDGE**

St. Louis County will need to provide the assessed numbers by the 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of September to the city. The public hearing meeting has been decided by the Board to meet on September 28, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

### **BILL # 1408 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEL-RIDGE AN INTERIM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill # 1408 to authorize the Mayor to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer made by Alderwoman Abernathy and Alderman Watts seconded, an all-in favor vote received and read by City Attorney.

Motion for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill # 1408 to authorize the Mayor to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received, and the read by City Attorney.

A motion to adopt Bill # 1408 as Ordinance 2020-18 was made by Alderwoman Abernathy and seconded by Alderman Watts.

### **ROLL CALL**

Alderwoman Abernathy- Yes  
Alderman Watts – Yes  
Alderman Tope- Yes

Alderman Davis- Yes  
Alderman Whitaker- Yes  
Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion passed and Bill # 1408 is now Ordinance 2020-18.

**Public Comments**

Alderman Davis request to make a motion to remove No Parking signs from in front of her home. Further discussion was made by the Board.

Motion to adjourn to go into a closed session according to Section 610.021(1), Section 610.021(3), and Section 610.021(17) made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker.

**ROLL CALL**

Alderman Abernathy- Yes  
Alderman Watts- Yes  
Alderman Tope- Yes  
Alderman Davis- Yes  
Alderman Whitaker- Yes  
Alderman Robinson- Yes

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Abernathy and second by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

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

September 1, 2020 board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 2 day of March 2021.

  
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City Clerk

