

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- The City of Bel-Ridge Board of Aldermen Working Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 6:10 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Accountant's Report (January and February)

City Accountant Michele Graham presents her January and February 2022 report. She states all funds are restricted accounts except the General Fund, meaning the funds can't be used for just anything. The city has tons of bank accounts, some that can be closed. The fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000.00) insurance payment was not in the budget on the cars that Normandy was supposed to take over. The city needs to amend the budget; cannot exceed your budget. Currently Three hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$319,000.00) over budget. The budget has to be balanced.

Court revenues do not cover the expense of running the courts. The courts are ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) over budget.

Two hundred and seventy thousand (\$270,000.00) is remaining ARPA money that should be coming to the city as the second half of the payment.

Accountant asks the Board to allow the city attorney to prepare a resolution to amend the budget. She also asks that the City Clerk publish financial reports and send to state auditor.

Accountant reports will be presented at working sessions.

Quiet Title for City-Owned Properties

Discussion held regarding the seventeen (17) properties that the city has collector's deeds from post sales from St. Louis County. Alderman Tope explains there is a risk for huge delays with developers and clean titles would alleviate any delays. City attorney suggests we wait until we have a committed developer. The city attorney also voices concern about this since accountant just stated there is no money. Discussion held. City attorney to work with city clerk to initiate this action.

Proposed Security Upgrades for City Hall – Officer Tom Moore (via conference call)

Normandy IT Officer Tom Moore offers to answer any questions. Normandy Police has to control criminal justice information, therefore only those with security clearance can have access to their area at 8920 Natural Bridge. Discussion held. Upgrade portion will be separating our internet access from theirs. Normandy to pay all costs.

Alderman Watts asks why Normandy needs access to the entire basement. Discussion held. Bel-Ridge and Normandy, including each City's IT personnel to walk through the building to make an informed final decision.

Jason Wolff, Bel-Ridge IT, requests a budget to have a figure to work under. Jason describes current hardware and software of the city. He also describes other projects he is working on currently. Discussion held.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to go into closed session according to Missouri Revised Statutes 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 or attorneys made by Alderman Tope and seconded by Alderwoman Abernathy.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

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

March 17, 2022, Working Session Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 12th day of April 2022.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk