

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE  
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 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, July 13, 2022.

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

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

Alderwoman Abernathy

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

Motion to approve the agenda for July 13, 2022, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Watts, an all-in favor vote received.

Mayor Fair addresses the meeting with a statement requesting all participants to keep their comments to three minutes. No outbursts and let's do things right during these meetings.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Patti Armanees** – Sargent and Ramona intersection has always been like a race track. My home/front yard was crashed into by a van. Ms. Armanees presents photos of her home. Her neighbor submits a letter regarding the speeding on this street. Ms. Armanees pleads with the Board for speed bumps to help slow these speeders down. Ms. Armanees describes in detail the situation/problem. Discussion held as to possible solutions.

**Gordon Brock** – Mr. Brock states that due to his past positions with the city, people continue to approach him with their problems. There is a tow truck parked at Leeward and Ramona, 7205, and it's parked there all the time. Something needs to be done. Normandy Asst. Chief Sanders addresses the situation. Next, why is the ex-mayor Rachel White allowed to have 15

chickens and 2 roosters? Discussion held. Lastly, it's time to have a picnic or something for the city. Need to get involved with the citizens.

**Kenneth Robinson** – Mr. Robinson would like information on property he purchased from the City regarding the sewer bill; why am I responsible? Discussion held as to the specifics of the incident. City Attorney states the City does not intend to pay for taxes/bills related to prior to selling the property.

**Darryl Robinson** – From the last meeting, you guys went into closed session about the guy at the strip mall with all those trucks and I want to know what happened, what was decided? City Attorney states if there was a closed session, you cannot know what was said in that closed meeting, restate your question. Discussion held.

**Robert Brown** – My mother lived at 7540 Thelma since 1984. The neighborhood has changed. The property needs to be looked at @7536 Thelma. There is all kinds of activity happening there. Discussion held as to resident's complaints.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

June 2022 Disbursements – Motion to approve June 2022 consent agenda and disbursements made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Watts, all-in favor vote received.

## **CITY CLERK REPORTS**

**Application for New Business License – Applicant: Sayel Salman; Business: Full Convenience Store, 8933 Natural Bridge Road** – Applicant Sayel Salman would like a business and liquor license to rent this property as a full convenience store. It will have a deli, general merchandise, liquor and tobacco. Discussion held. Owner to complete business and liquor license applications.

**Revocation of Business Licenses for Dollar General and Dinner @ Londa's; Failure to pay annual license fees** -- Annual business license fees for both Dollar General and Dinner @ Londa's have not been paid despite

numerous contact with both businesses. Discussion held for resolution of payment. Motion to begin process to hold revocation of business licenses for Dollar General and Dinner @ Londa's made by Alderwoman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor vote received.

**Recommence Annual Commercial Inspections for Existing Businesses**

- Motion to table for now made by Alderman Watts and seconded by Alderwoman Davis, an all-in favor vote received.

**New Fulltime Position for Public Works** - Discussion held as to the specifics of the new hire's position. Public Works Director Herndon to conduct interviews and then make recommendations of candidates to hire to the Board.

**CITY'S STAFF REPORTS**

**Municipal Court** - None

**Public Works** - Cary Herndon, Public Works Director, states that the park is constantly destroyed. It's kept clean and grass cut but the plumbing needs repairs. Prosecutor Cheung wrote twenty-seven (27) tickets last month. I wrote dangerous building violations for the old Popeye building. Discussion held regarding dangerous house on Trumbell and possible solutions.

**Police Department** - Normandy Police Sgt Tameka Sanders gives the monthly report of police services performed for the City of Bel-Ridge (June 7 - July 12); 467 calls for service, 86 reports, 28 summons. Sgt Sanders states that Normandy is partnered with St Louis County regarding the Kia/Hyundai stolen cars. Several tickets were written for traffic violations at Sargent and Ramona. Discussion held as to Normandy developing zero policy for speeding. Gun violence is on the rise. Statistics Report discussed, stating all resolutions have been completed. Normandy now has one hundred percent (100%) use of the police section/area of Bel-Ridge Municipal Complex to use as a substation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**BILLS**

None

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Alderman Watts asks whether the closed session is limited to certain subjects? Alderman Tope states there's no reason to go into closed sessions for everything. Alderman Watts further states to the Board the lack of a City of Bel-Ridge welcoming packet for new residents. Discussion held as to possible methods and solutions; personal interaction is needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

July 13, 2022, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

Andrea Jones  
City Clerk

