

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINTUES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019**

Mayor Fair called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance as Follows:

Abernathy-	Present
Watts-	Present
Robinson-	Present (Arrived at 5:18 p.m.)
Ruff-	Present
Whitaker-	Present
Tope-	Present
Mayor Fair-	Present

Also, present, Attorney Kevin O'Keefe.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Watts, and approved 5-0.

Resolution No. 2019-I: A resolution authorizing a change order for the Mary Mark Street project. The City Engineer recommended that the City pay the contractor to complete project. Total amount of \$177,356.00, cost of work affected by the change order.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-I was made by Alderman Watts, seconded by Alderman Whitaker, and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

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

Alderman Robinson arrived at 5:18 pm.

Resolution No. 2019-J: A resolution approving an agreement with SWT Design in order to design a masterplan for the City and assist in submitting a grant application relating to Bel-ridge City Parks.

Jay Wohlschlaeger, partner with SWT Design, presented to the Board regarding the most recent masterplan for the City's parks. Tonight, counts as the first meeting necessary in the grant application process and is intended to obtain the public's input on the planning of the park masterplan. Further discussion will continue about the grant application

process. Public engaged in questions regarding the masterplan. The next meeting will be about what project(s) the grant application should focus on.

A motion to approve Resolution 2019-J was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Abernathy-	Yes
Watts-	Yes
Robinson-	Yes
Ruff-	Yes
Whitaker-	Yes
Tope-	Yes

The Board discussed the meeting date for the August Board of Aldermen meeting; the normal date will not work due to City Hall being a polling location.

A motion to have the August Board of Aldermen meeting on August 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and unanimously approved.

Bill No. 1386: An ordinance pertaining to the compensation of the Director of Public Works, Public Works' maintenance employees, and the Office Clerk.

A motion for the first reading of Bill No. 1386, by title only, was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Watts, and unanimously approved.

Attorney O'Keefe performed the first reading of Bill No. 1386 by title only.

Alderman Watts recommended that the City move forward to create job descriptions and volunteered to work with City Clerk to get this started.

A motion for the second reading of Bill No. 1386, by title only, was made by Alderman Watts seconded by Alderman Abernathy, and unanimously approved.

Attorney O'Keefe performed the second reading of Bill No. 1386 by title only.

A motion to adopt Bill 1386 was made Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Abernathy-	Yes
Watts-	Yes
Robinson-	Yes
Ruff-	Yes
Whitaker-	Yes
Tope-	Yes

Bill No. 1386 becomes Ordinance 2019-16.

Resolution No. 2019-K: A resolution approving an agreement with Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, P.C. for an assistant to the Prosecuting Attorney. Attorney O'Keefe informed the Board that the former assistant to the Prosecuting Attorney resigned. As explained by Attorney O'Keefe, Missouri Supreme Court Rules require strict division between the judicial activities of the City's municipal court and prosecutorial activities. Keith Cheung, the City's Prosecuting Attorney, has a few team members that can perform the function(s) the Prosecuting Attorney's assistant until the City can fill the position with a fulltime employee. Attorney Cheung has agreed to sit in on the interviews, because he knows what is needed and required for the position. Attorney Cheung will send the City Clerk a job description so the position can be posted.

Alderman Watts was very appreciative of Attorney Cheung for helping with this solution.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-K was made by Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Abernathy-	Yes
Watts-	Yes
Robinson-	Yes
Ruff-	Yes
Whitaker-	Yes
Tope-	Yes

Resolution 2019-L: A resolution approving an agreement and the appointment of Municipal Services LLC as the City's Building Commissioner. The contract attached to resolution 2019-L is the City's revision the contract drafted by Municipal Services, LLC. Mrs. Debra Irvin of Municipal Services, LLC was not in attendance. Alderman Watts voiced concern regarding the fee structure for residential inspections. Alderman Tope stated that the City needs to adopt a fee structure for permits.

A motion to adopt resolution 2019-L was made Alderman Abernathy, seconded by Alderman Watts and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Abernathy-	Yes
Watts-	Yes
Robinson-	Yes
Ruff-	Yes
Whitaker-	Yes
Tope-	Yes

Alderman Abernathy announced that the Fishing Derby and Fall Festival Picnic were coming up in September. Next Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm Alderman Abernathy will meet with Time 4 Fun to discuss rides for the Fall Festival and invited

everyone to attend. Additionally, Alderman Abernathy is looking for volunteers to work at the Fall Festival. Alderman Robinson suggested having a band perform at an event.

Public Comments

Julia Anderson – Commented regarding the community garden reflected on the current masterplan; specifically, it had a paved parking lot and was supposed to be an entrance. Also, there are two houses, one owned by the City’s former mayor, which are in very poor condition. Ms. Anderson inquired whether the City intended to purchase an adjacent residence. Additionally, Ms. Anderson asked if certain property was part of the park. Last, Ms. Anderson inquired whether 8610 Wales was included in the masterplan.

A motion to close the open session and go into closed session for purposes outlined in Section 610.021(1), for privileged communications between the City and its attorney, was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Abernathy and approved by a roll call vote as follows:

- Abernathy- Yes
- Watts- Yes
- Robinson- Yes
- Ruff- Yes
- Whitaker- Yes
- Tope- Yes

Open session adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Andrea Jones
 Andrea Jones
 City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on October 1, 2019