

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
TUESDAY, September 18, 2018
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fair at 6:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was called by City Clerk Andrea Jones. Deputy Clerk Jacqueline Jones was present as well.

Roll Call

Alderman Abernathy - Present
Alderman Nelson - Absent
Alderman Brown - Present
Alderman Russell - Present
Alderman Ruff - Present
Alderman Tope - Present
Mayor Fair - Present

Also, present was Attorney Ben Warren

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Russell motioned to approve agenda and Alderman Brown second.

Voice Vote

All in favor/ None opposed

Motion Passed

Open to Public to speak on Tax Rate

Julia Anderson was concerned if this would raise taxes for Bel-Ridge and would citizens be able to go to county and protest the new tax rate. Attorney Warren states that the current tax is .325% on \$100 assessed value and the proposed tax rate for this year .327%, two hundred of a cent more per \$100 assessed value on residential property. Alderman Tope mentions that this is based on County appraised value for residential.

Darryl Robinson mentions trash cans being left out. Alderman Russell explains that there is a process and to keep turning in complaints so the people can get summons.

Mayor ask that we get back on to the task of the Agenda.

Alderman Russell ask Attorney Warren does he see any reason why the board should not approve the tax rate increase? Attorney Warren states that he does not, however that is performed by the city auditor based on information from county auditors and county assessor.

Second read by caption only by Attorney Warren.

Bill # 1368 now Ordinance 2018-26 establishing year 2018 Tax Rate on all property of the City of Bel-Ridge.

Alderman Russell makes a motion to adopt the proposed tax rate for 2018 and Alderman Abernathy second the motion.

Roll Call

Abernathy	Yes
Brown	Yes
Nelson	Absent
Ruff	Yes
Russell	Yes
Tope	Yes

5 Yes/ 1 Absent/ 0 No

Motion passed to adopt proposed tax rate for 2018.

Bill # 1368 now becomes ordinance 2018-26.

Meeting Open to public.

Darryl Robinson investigates other municipalities and has concerns that the inspector for Bel-Ridge is making twice the money then any other inspector around us. Mr. Robinson asked how the City pays the inspector out \$5,000- \$7,000 a month. Alderman Russell states that Mr. Winston is getting paid for inspecting the inside and outside of Springwood Apartments. He also is inspecting every home in Bel-Ridge. Mr. Robinson wanted to know does he get paid by the hour, salary?

Alderman Brown ask Jackie to explain how Mr. Winston gets paid. Ms. Jones states if Mr. Winston makes \$5,000 then the City makes \$5,000. When an inspection is done, we charge a certain amount, that amount must be paid before the inspection is done. After payment is done, its divided, city gets half and Winston gets half. Prosecutor Sam Alton have an agreement with the attorney for the apartments. The attorney has agreed to write a check, because Mr. Winston must inspect all 271 apartments. Mr. Winston turns in an invoice showing what all he has done. Someone asked whether it is common practice for his wife to do inspections. The wife is certified to do inspections.

Julia Anderson asked is Winston paid by the hour at any time, like attending board meetings, Planning and Zoning, Court proceedings? Jackie mentions that Mr. Winston does not charge City when he attends meetings and its on his invoice no charge.

Discussion and concerns are talked about on Mr. Winston charges to city and how he is paid on citations, Inspections and Permits.

Julia Anderson stated that she went over some minutes and Mr. Winston stated in December 2017, that the apartments were making progress. Julia is not understanding that now in August 2018, he is condemning them. She also asked did this mean the last reign of administration were not inspecting and making sure occupancy permits were done at the apartments.

Discussion continues about the apartments and Mr. Winston doing the inspections on Springwood Apartments.

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderman Russell makes a motion to adjourn and Alderman Abernathy seconds.

Voice Vote

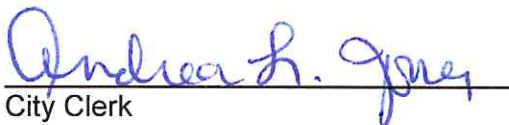
All in Favor 5 Yes/ 0 No

Motion Passed to Adjourn the meeting

Meeting End time at 6:48 pm

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

September 18, 2018, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 5th day of June, 2019.


City Clerk