

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
PUBLIC HEARING AND TENTATIVE WORK SESSION
Monday, September 28, 2020
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER- A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

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

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

Motion to approve the agenda by Alderman Robinson and Alderwoman Davis, with an all-in favor vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

No members of the public were in attendance to speak. Mayor notes the meeting is now closed.

TENTATIVE MEETING

CITY HALL PARK PROJECT

Jay from SWT Designs has contacted the City to see if they are going to continue with the Park Project. The City attorney explains the process of the park grant. To get the grant, the City has to come up with the amount first and once the project is complete then the grant will be reimbursed to the City. The amount of the park is \$337k. Alderman Tope suggested that maybe the Park Commission is open to phase payments, that it may take some negotiating.

Alderman Watts makes a motion for Alderman Tope to explore with the Park Commission an alternative of funding arrangements and to explore the City's financial resources available to afford the project and report back to a future board meeting and second by Alderwoman Abernathy, all in favor vote.

Discussion of Salt Bin

The director of Public Works, Cary Herndon provided the board with a bid. The board discussed other alternatives for the salt bin.

Motion made to table the salt bin discussion until the next meeting by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Abernathy and an all-in favor vote received from the board.

Discussion of Bel-Ridge City Property

Board discusses the property that Bel-Ridge owns. Motion to table discussion of the demo to talk about in the next working session made by Alderwoman Davis and second by Alderman Whitaker.

New Business

A bill to establish the annual rate of the tax levy for residential property in the amount of .3500 and for commercial, industrial, utility, railroad and all other property not otherwise classified as residential or agricultural property in the amount of .06010 for the year 2020 on all property within the city of Bel-Ridge, Missouri.

First reading: On a motion made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderwoman Abernathy, followed by an all-in favor vote.

Second reading: On a motion made by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderman Watts, followed by an all-in favor vote.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderman Watts for bill # 1409 to become Ordinance 2020-12 establishing the annual rate of the tax levy for the year 2020 on all property within the City of Bel-Ridge, followed by a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Davis	"AYE"
Alderman Watts	"AYE"
Alderwoman Abernathy	"AYE"
Alderman Tope	"AYE"
Alderman Whitaker	"AYE"
Alderman Robinson	"AYE"

Motion passed

A motion for Resolution 2020-D authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bel-Ridge, Missouri, to accept Cares Act Funding and execute a municipality relief program funding agreement, and confirming agreement to indemnify and hold harmless St. Louis County from distribution made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderwoman Abernathy followed by voice vote.

Alderman Watts asked if we had to provide documentation for what has been used for COVID-19 related expenses. Jim Kristchke explained with further detail what St. Louis County is requesting.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-D made by Alderwoman Abernathy and second by Alderwoman Davis and all in a favor voice vote.


REOPENING OF COURT CLERK OFFICE (DISCUSSION)

It was explained to the board that the courts itself is not open for business but the court clerk windows are open to taking payments in other municipalities that are open.

Motion for court clerk services to reopen during the time City Hall offices are opened made by Alderman Whitaker and second by Alderman Watts, followed by a voice vote. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Abernathy and second by Alderman Watts.

Time: 6:47 PM


City Clerk