

CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BEL-RIDGE MEETING AGENDA
BEL-RIDGE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
8920 NATURAL BRIDGE
BEL-RIDGE, MO. 63121
TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2020 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Ridge was called to order by Mayor Willie Fair on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 6:03 PM.

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

Alderwoman Abernathy
Alderman Watts
Alderman Ruff
Alderman Tope
Alderman Whitaker
Alderman Robinson
Mayor Fair

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of 3410 and 3418 Maybelle property

The Board of Aldermen discussed Bel-Ridge owned property 3410 and 3418 Maybelle. Alderman Robinson spoke to a contractor to assess the cost to bring the house up to code. The cost was \$400 for the quote. Alderman Robinson suggested getting rid of property to people that are interested in them. Alderman Tope suggested putting ad in the paper for bids. If not, bids won't come back. City should go ahead and demo homes. Further discussion continued on the subject.

A motion for property address 3410 & 3418 Maybelle and Barber Shop on Hanley (address was not available) to go up for bids/proposals and for attorney Henry to draft an ordinance was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Whitaker. The next workshop attorney will have a draft.

AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

Attorney Henry looked at business licenses ordinance from 2016-28 and 2017-02 and found the increase in fees for various businesses such as plumbers, hotels/motels, auto repair shops, and cleaners. It was found the fees were not lawfully passed. To pass and increase fees it has to be set to a Hancock Amendment vote, which was done. So, this ordinance rolls back to what they were before 2016 that was outlined in the ordinance. Any fee increase must go on a ballot.

A motion for 1st reading of Bill # 1401 read by caption only by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Whitaker, by an all-in favor vote.

Motion for 2nd reading by caption only made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Whitaker, by an all-in favor vote.

Motion to approve Bill # 1401 by Ordinance 2020-4 made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Watts.

ROLL CALL

- Alderwoman Abernathy "AYE"
- Alderman Watts "AYE"
- Alderman Tope Abstain
- Alderman Ruff "AYE"
- Alderman Whitaker "AYE"
- Alderman Robinson "AYE"

Motion passed.

OMNI TREE SERVICE

The city attorney looked over the contract and made standard adjustments to the contract. A copy of the contract was provided to the board for review. The attorney recommends to the board to enact and sign.

Alderman Robinson asked Mr. Doug Seely about an additional tree at 3412 St. Henry to be added. Doug Seely made the Board aware that it can be added to the cost of \$6,550.00 for an additional fee or another tree that can be traded. Only if the tree is in the right of way it can be traded. Mr. Seely will get a price for the additional tree.

A motion for 1st reading by caption was made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Robinson, all in favor of vote taken.

A motion for 2nd reading by caption made by Alderman Watts a second by Alderman Robinson, all in favor of vote taken.

The attorney will work with Mr. Seely on switching tree out.

A motion to approve Bill # 1402 by Ordinance 2020-5 made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Watts.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion passed.

BUSINESS LICENSE FOR NEW BUSINESS

Carl Garrett comes before the Board to seek approval to open a new business at 8947 Natural Bridge Rd. The business will be a chicken restaurant.

A motion to approve Carl Garrett to open a restaurant made by Alderman Robinson and second by Alderman Watts, all in favor of vote received.

CDBG APPLICATION

The city Clerk reminded the board of the deadline to apply for the CDBG.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department- Det. Strong gave an update on crime in the community and traffic updates on increasing patrol.

Public works- no report

City Attorney- no report

Mayor- mentions trash in Ward 3

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Love- Asked why the city is focused only on the two properties mentioned earlier at the beginning of the meeting. There are other properties just as worse. And are there homes under the Homestead program?

Also, mentioned about the Board not having any consistency of following through on business to get things done.

Based on the Board's decision, the Homestead Program no longer exists.

24:1 Green Clean- They would like to go from Natural Bridge to 170 and volunteers are needed to help. People will be picking up trash along Natural Bridge cleaning up the community. In the end, there will be a big party given at UMSL. Cary mentioned that he can provide trash cans for Bel-Ridge.

Reyna Spencer- speaks to the Board on several different issues. Ring Cameras, the Census, and the masterplan land use for the entire 24:1.

Ring cameras- can also use CDBG funds to reduce crime in the area.

The Census explains how for every person not counted, the municipality can lose \$1300/yr., over 10 years and can lose the political representation.

The masterplan land is a guide for development and opens the doors to developers.

Ring cameras roll out March 15, 2020, and there are guidelines to follow.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Watts and second by Alderman Ruff at 8:06 PM.

March 3, 2021, board meeting minutes were approved by the Board this
1st day of December, 2020.

Andrea Jones

City Clerk

