

**CITY OF BEL-RIDGE
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING MINUTES
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021
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, December 1, 2020, at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call Board of Aldermen Present Board of Aldermen Absent

Alderman Tope	Alderwoman Watts
Alderman Whitaker	
Alderwoman Davis	
Alderman Abernathy (by phone)	
Alderman Robinson	
Mayor Fair	

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

Motion to approve the agenda for March 2, 2021, made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor vote received.

Motion to approve August 11, 2020 minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all-in favor voted received.

Motion to approve September 1, 2020 minutes by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Davis, all-in favor voted received.

Motion to approve October 15, 2020 Working Session minutes by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson, an all-in favor voted received.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Discussion was held concerning current active members of the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Board of Adjustments Committee. Decision was made to have Office Assistant Deborah Carter send letters to members inquiring as to who would like to remain as active members.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizen comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

February 2021 Disbursements – This item should be tabled to next month to include March and April, as well. Motion to table topic of disbursements until next month made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all-in favor voted received.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

New Business License Application – Applicant Alonda McGhee; **Dinner at Londa's**. Discussion held. Motion to approve the new business license application made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, an all-in favor voted received.

24:1 Tree Trimming Contract – Mayor, Jim Krischke, Alderman Robinson and Director of Public Works Cary Herndon met with representatives concerning City of Bel-Ridge's tree trimming contract. Discussion held. The Mayor needs to sign the contract.

Planning and Zoning's Participation at 24:1 Land Development and Economic Development Plan Meetings – Reyna Spencer from 24:1 gave a detailed overview on 24:1's Land Development and Economic Development Plan Proposal (Master Use Land Plan). Mayors from all municipalities assisted in developing the Plan. Bel-Ridge is Number 2 in 24:1's municipalities that have available commercial property to develop. Discussion held. Beyond Housing to contribute \$90,000.00; St Louis County to contribute \$50,000.00; the remaining amount will be contributed to the municipalities. Bel-Ridge's financial portion would be \$9,000.00. The timeline is early summer. In the meantime, public hearings will be held in neighborhoods. Resolution prepared to be put on April Board Meeting agenda.

CITY'S STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Court – None

Public Works – None

Police Report- Chief Harris reports his presence in a meeting held earlier today and that Jim Krischke could better report the gist of the meeting. Chief also asks whether there is currently authorization to decrease their budget. City Attorney O'Keefe states the Board has not adopted a budget yet so there shouldn't be an assumption as to how the budget is finalized.

Jim Krischke reports there was an earlier meeting today where the details of the budget was discussed. A thirty percent (30%) reduction across the board was discussed as to what needs to happen in the City of Bel-Ridge. It was suggested to authorize Jim to go out and look for contracted services for all departments.

Motion to authorize Jim to solicit proposals from other providers of municipal services made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Davis, an all-in favor voted received.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021 (H), authorizing the transfer of funds collected in connection with the Bel-Ridge North Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan from the general fund to the TIF account and authorizing similar transfers throughout the 2021 tax year.

A motion made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Davis; all-in favor vote received.

Resolution 2021 (I), authorizing a contract for tree removal and pruning.

Motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker; an all-in favor vote received.

Resolution 2021 (J), appointing Armstrong Teasdale LLP as special counsel for matters relating to the Bel-Ridge North TIF Redevelopment Plan.

A motion made by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Robinson; all-in favor vote received.

BILLS

Bill 1414- establishing procedures by which the City of Bel-Ridge may avail itself of the provisions of Chapter 353 of the revised statutes of Missouri, as amended, known as the Urban Redevelopment Corporations Law, including provisions which may extend partial real property tax abatement to urban redevelopment corporations pursuant to approved development plans within areas of the City found and declared by the Board of Alderman to be blighted; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance.

Motion for 1st reading of Bill 1414 by caption only establishing procedures outlined in Bill 1414 made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker, all in favor vote received. 1st reading done by City Attorney.

Motion for 2nd reading of Bill 1414 by caption only by Alderman Whitaker and seconded by Alderman Davis, all in favor vote received. 2nd reading done by City Attorney.

Motion to adopt by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Whitaker for Bill 1414 to become Ordinance establishing procedures by which the City of Bel-Ridge may avail itself of the provisions of Chapter 353 of the revised statutes of Missouri, as amended, known as the Urban Redevelopment Corporations Law, including provisions which may extend partial real property tax abatement to urban redevelopment corporations pursuant to approved development plans within areas of the City found and declared by the Board of Alderman to be blighted

ROLL CALL

Alderman Davis- Yes

Alderman Tope- Yes

Alderman Whitaker- Yes

Alderman Robinson- Yes

Alderman Abernathy – (present by phone, no video available)

Motion passed for Bill 1414, now Ordinance 2021-2.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Robinson, all in favor vote received.

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

March 2, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by the Board this 13th day of April _____ 2021.

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City Clerk