



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Ben Zickel
Commissioner Robin Mountain
Commissioner Sandy Walker
City Treasurer Geri Huff
City Attorney Stephen Porter
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

None

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Commission Meeting were read. Mayor Martin moved to approve as presented, second by Robin Mountain. April Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Reports - Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. Items of note were the payroll tax expense for city employee salaries, as well as our first invoice for the city entrance maintenance. Security services invoices had not been received for April so that expense was not included. Robin Mountain will forward the April security invoice with his approval email for payment.

James Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Ben Zickel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin discussed the American Recovery Plan Funding. This federal program provides assistance to entities including households, negatively impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Specific uses and resident suggestions were listed on the Meeting Agenda. Resident suggestions included:

- Updating the streetlights – LED and adding more between
- Drainage issues on north chadwick 100 block
- Security cameras at entrances
- Twice year large junk pick up
- Broadband access for City of Bellemeade
- Hotspots or broadband for NERL library branch
- Helping low income bellemeade residents with sewer bills
- Sewer improvements
- Removing old trees on Shelbyville Road and planting new ones
- Pipeline on the South Hampton Woodcleft Ditch
- Autumn leaf composting
- Teaming with other small cities to fund a solar array

The commission discussed the residents' suggestions along with other possibilities including; applying funds to the road repairs, adding more security patrols, giving tax relief to those households who are delinquent, or simply dividing the funds among Bellemeade residents. Mayor Martin suggested that discussion can continue after he determines the specific parameters that need to be followed.

Commissioner Reports

Public Safety Report - Commissioner Robin Mountain met with John Aubrey of Kentuckiana Law Enforcement regarding the recent increase in car break-ins. They discussed the benefits of having more residents with security cameras as well as adding street lights or using brighter lighting. Stephen Porter commented that LG&E is replacing lights with new cold blue LED bulbs that many do not find appealing. He is currently researching whether there will be alternatives to those bulbs. In the meantime, Robin Mountain will also contact Maryling Parker regarding the break-ins.
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James Martin reported that he had a request from a resident to trap and relocate the coyote that has been seen in Bellemeade. Commissioner Mountain informed the committee that he had the opportunity to discuss this topic with police officers at his coffee shop. He learned that it is very difficult and costly to relocate coyotes. At this time, while it is a nuisance, the cost and effort of trapping is not warranted.

Public Lands Report - Ben Zickel reported that there had been discussion of a "Little Library" in Bellemeade, but at this time, it was not feasible.

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker reported that the Beargrass Group will be working on sealing and painting the speed humps in approximately 3 weeks. At the same time, the cracks in the roads will be repaired. She would like to work with Halle Brumleve to develop a flyer for the "What's Happening Bellemeade" informational signs. Residents will be informed of the work being done, and asked to cooperate by keeping cars off the streets during the work in progress, and being patient with any road closures. Sandy will post on FaceBook and James will send a blast email as well as using the signs, to make sure all residents are aware.

There was discussion about the interest in having speed humps installed on Wood Road. As a number of commissioners have driven there at various times of the day and did not observe any traffic, it doesn't appear this is of immediate concern.

James Martin received an email from the resident on Wood Road who was concerned about noise violations late in the evening, asking if there was any action the city could take. If more residents report problems or complain about the noise, there may be cause for action, but at this time, there is little that can be done by Bellemeade.

Sandy Walker reported that she had been contacted regarding a temporary storage building on Holston Road that may be in violation of an ordinance. This will be discussed at the working meeting and is under the purview of Public Safety/Code Enforcement (Robin Mountain).

New Business –

First Reading of Budget Ordinance for 2021/2022 Discussion of the Same - James Martin presented an Ordinance adopting the 2021/2022 Budget for General Operating Purposes for first reading.

First Reading of Ordinance Amending 2020/2021 Budget to Include Expenditures for Road Repair and Landscaping. - Mayor Martin presented for first reading the ordinance amending the current budget to include road repair and landscaping expenditures. Changes were reviewed with the commission and included increases to cover costs of snow removal, street sign and road maintenance as well as salary and

IT increases. Geri Huff, City Treasurer will update the budget and underline the new numbers.

Presentation of Investment Policy and discussion and possible adoption of same - James Martin presented the Kentucky League of Cities Model Investment Policy Statement (IPS) for the Commission's review. As it appears that some of the language does not apply to Bellemeade, James will reach out to KLC for clarification on some details of the IPS.

First Reading of Non-Solicitation Ordinance - Mayor Martin presented for first reading and outlined a Non-Solicitation Ordinance. Discussion centered around the difficulty in enforcement, and possible liability created by adopting such ordinance. Changes were suggested for section 60.01 Purpose.

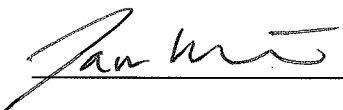
Discussion of Possible Changes to Commissioner Roles - This topic was tabled at this time.

June Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on 6/7/2021 and the Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on 6/14/2021 at 7 PM.

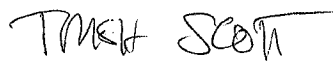
Adjournment -

Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor



Trish Scott, City Clerk