



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Ben Zickel
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
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 7:06 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 June 14, 2021 Commission Meeting were read. Ben Zickel moved to approve the minutes as corrected, second by James Martin. June Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Reports - Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. June 30 is our fiscal year end so the YTD numbers reflect the entire year. Road fund expenses have been itemized at the bottom of the report and paving cost has been allocated to that fund.

While some items were over and under budgeted amounts, the total annual amount was well under budget.

James Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; second by Ben Zickel. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

James Martin inquired what the tax rate would be for 2021, and Geri informed the committee that she had spoken with Joseph Coleman of the Kentucky League of Cities, who has advised about tax rates in previous years. He informed her that to ensure we stay within the 4% revenue increase limit, a tax rate of .066 would be indicated. Last year's rate was .067, so we would be again decreasing the rate. 2020 revenue was \$59,618, and 2021 is \$59,640. Geri informed the committee that the insurance premium tax generates the largest percentage of our revenue. There was discussion initiated by Commissioner Walker regarding whether we should keep the rate at the current level to buffer against possible future financial shortfalls such as the road expenses increasing. Stephen Porter informed the committee that the General Operating fund could be used to offset increases in road expenses.

Steve Porter will check the language of House Bill One, which governs Tax Rate rules, to determine if we can keep the tax rate the same without the need to hold a public hearing.

Treasurer Geri Huff commented that the city could be getting much better interest rates on money market accounts if we were to switch from PNC to Liberty. Commissioners commented that Geri was authorized to move any funds between money market accounts for the purpose of earning better interest rates.

Geri Huff informed the committee that Mark Williams of the DLG called and asked her if Bellemeade planned on spending the \$50,336 in Covid Relief Funds before the end of the year. James Martin commented that we were not sure we had approval for the entire \$60,000, and we spent what we got on technical equipment and support for the commission to do its business.

James will call Mr. Williams to discuss the process and our options and ask how other cities are using these funds. We could take the approach that COVID has increased our need for security/safety and possibly use funds for improvements in that area.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Martin reported that MSD has covered the hole on N. Chadwick with a plate. He called the state regarding the trees obstructing the views on Shelbyville Road. The trees have been trimmed.

Commissioner Reports

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker commented that the water pressure in Bellemeade seemed low, and suggested that it might be addressed using COVID funds. She will follow up with the water company to see what our options are.

Public Events Report - Commissioner Halle Brumleve reported that the ice cream truck hosted by resident Shelly Brionas on June 28 was a great success with many families gathering to take part. Shelly has also agreed to assist with public events planning going forward. The Red White & Blue contest was not as popular as hoped, but the \$25 winner will be announced in the newsletter.

Public Safety Report - Mayor Martin has addressed the issue of loose dogs via a letter to the resident involved. We will post on the Facebook page to inform residents that we have increased patrols.

Public Lands Report - Ben Zickel reported that the entrances will be trimmed during the coming week.

James Martin commented that he would like to post the Rumpke calendar after there was confusion around the 4th of July. Sandy Walker will contact them to find out exactly what their calendar is.

New Business –

Presentation of Investment Policy and discussion and possible adoption of same - This item was tabled.

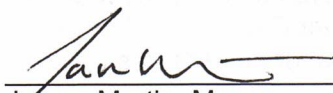
Third Reading of Non-Solicitation Ordinance - This item was tabled.

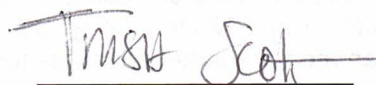
Changes to Possible Commissioner Roles - This item was tabled.

July Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday August 2nd, and the Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor


Trish Scott, City Clerk