

City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

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Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 December 13, 2021 Commission Meeting were read. Ben Zickel moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Robin Mountain. December Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. December saw \$33,290 collected in property taxes. Other recurring expenses were as expected. James Martin asked when the next audit is due, and Geri reported it was turned in in August. The 2019-2020 audit was just received, and was late due to covid issues. Geri further informed that public safety costs are now coming out of the CARES funds and that will be reflected in the January report. Mayor Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Robin Mountain seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Martin reported that he requested via an email to Kentucky Law Enforcement that Bellemeade safety patrols be increased. Discussion centered about increased cost, and Commissioner Walker commented that costs can be allocated to CARES funds retroactively as of March.

The committee further discussed negative social media posts regarding the Parking Permit Ordinance. Details of the process and application of the ordinance were clarified. This Ordinance will be published in the upcoming January newsletter.

Commissioner Reports

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker addressed social media comments regarding salting and plowing of streets. It was suggested that only the entrances be salted, but she is unable to find a company willing to reliably address only the entrances, considering what a small job it is. She found other neighborhoods are handling the situation in a similar manner, and were not plowing or salting. She reiterated that the cost is prohibitive for the minimal benefit we get due to our light traffic.

Public Events Report - Halle Brumleve reported that she had received four entries for the snowman contest and awarded each \$10. She is planning a pet photo contest with various categories and will promote via the newsletter and "What's Happening" yard signs. She shared ideas for a variety of events for 2022, including another meet and greet with the commissioners, an arbor day event in April, a block party in May. Also discussed were an Easter event for teenagers, and a "drive in movie" event in June. Other possibilities included a 4th of July parade, and getting inflatables and bands for block party events to promote community involvement.

Public Lands Report - Ben Zickel had no update at this time.

Public Safety Report - Robin Mountain commented that he was happy to see more people walking with flashlights at night, or even reflective vests. He also received a call concerning the number of empty/unoccupied homes in Bellemeade. There is no law addressing this, but we should remain aware of the issue and encourage people to be observant of those homes known to be vacant.

Public Comments - None

New Business - Tabled

February Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7 PM. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

James Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk