



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022**

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Ben Zickel
City Attorney Stephen Porter
City Treasurer Geri Huff
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 January 10, 2021 Commission Meeting were read. Sandy Walker asked that the public works report be amended to read, "She reiterated that the cost is prohibitive for **salting for** the minimal benefit we get due to our light traffic." Ben Zickel moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Halle Brumleve. January Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved with amendment.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. January expenses included landscape maintenance from Yates Electric and Country Squire. Public Safety expenses appear high due to a number of past due payments. Tax income has slowed for 2021, but some 2020 tax income has been collected. She has applied credit card cash back to "other income." Geri further reported that she had received a Venmo payment from a resident for two years of taxes. She transferred the funds to the city account. A check submitted for a tax payment has bounced, and the city account was charged \$15. City Attorney Steve Porter confirmed that the City could bill the resident for the fee, as well as interest. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sandra Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Martin reported that he has heard from a number of residents with concerns about the overnight parking ordinance. He presented his understanding of their concerns including some of those raised by a member of the public who attended the working meeting on February 7, 2022. These concerns included, but were not limited to, the thought that the prohibited time frame is small (2:00 to 6:00 a.m.) and at a time when there is little driving and walking anyway. Also, there was

a concern that older driveways built in the 1950s were not designed for multiple cars. The citizens Mayor Martin spoke to conveyed their desire that the ordinance be repealed altogether. He has also heard from those in favor of the ordinance. Personally, Mayor Martin feels the ordinance is beneficial to our city. He believes the 2:00 - 6:00 a.m frame is narrow to give maximum flexibility to neighbors while still creating a norm of off street parking. Permits are provided for those with insufficient off street parking. He requested feedback from the other commissioners as to whether they thought the commission should put the ordinance back on the agenda for possible amendment or repeal. Commissioners Zickel and Walker did not believe the ordinance should be revised or repealed and therefore did not think it should be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Brumleave had no strong feelings one way or the other at this present time. As such, there was no request that the ordinance be reconsidered.

James Martin presented the amended Code of Ordinances for Commission review; the Code has been updated with current ordinances and will be posted on the website.

Mayor Martin informed the commissioners that he has received the rules for ARP Funding and will review and report back.

Commissioner Reports

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker commented that many house numbers are not easily visible from the street, or are non existant. The City Clerk will make mention of this issue in the next newsletter. She also suggested that we ask police patrols to begin issuing warnings for Louisville Metro parking violations, such as parking in the direction of traffic and no wheels on the grass. This will be another item in the newsletter, but no decision was made to seek . Sandy will check the police patrol schedule to ensure that the patrols are being done as requested. Sandy reported that she had received some negative feedback on street plowing after the snow precipitation. Roads were plowed because of expected freezing temperatures that evening, so it was decided that scraping the existing ice would be useful in keeping the roads safe. She reiterated that FaceBook should not be used for official city information. Sandy further informed the commission that the new contract with Rumpke increased our cost by \$628 per month.

Public Events Report - Halle Brumleve reported that she is planning on the same events for Arbor Day as last year, but with the increased budget of \$4,000. This will allow for getting bigger trees. Planting assistance would be beneficial again, but had extended late into the day last year. Halle will begin looking into details to provide assistance again this year, as well as other details for this event.

The yard sale will again be scheduled for the second Saturday of August - the 13th this year.

She received four pet photos for the photo contest and will award each of them \$10.

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

Public Safety Report - No update.

Public Comments - None

New Business – Canopy tree reimbursement discussion was tabled.

Geri Huff will present a proposal for next fiscal year's budget, and changes recommended for this year's budget at the next meeting.

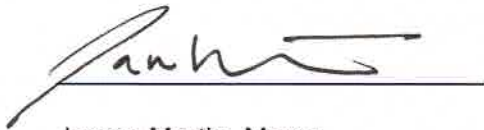
Tax rate changes need to be addressed very soon if any changes are desired. We will discuss at the next meeting.

A Resolution from KLC (Kentucky League of Cities) regarding the Investment Program was presented to the commissioners by Mayor Martin. The Resolution names two people to authorize investment orders and related decisions. James made a motion to approve the resolution, naming Geri Huff and himself as authorized individuals consistent with the investment ordinance. Ben Zickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

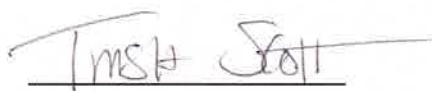
February Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7 PM. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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James Martin, Mayor

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Trish Scott, City Clerk