



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

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Robin Mountain
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 7:07 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The February 14, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Ben Zickel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. Insurance premium checks contributed \$17,000, while tax payments are slowing. Newsletter costs, and other expenses are on course. Street plowing expense was allocated to the miscellaneous category. She also reported that the credit card has been hacked and a new one has been obtained. James Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Sandy Walker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Martin commented on the following items:

The upcoming elections for commissioners. All current commissioners plan on running for office. The candidate filing deadline is June 7, 2022.

He was informed that Rumpke has missed trash pickups at Los Arboles condominiums on Shelbyville Road. He will follow up with Rumpke.

He has the forms ready and will submit our application to invest in the KLC investment pool if there are no objections from any of the commissioners.

The Pedder's Ordinance is now in effect, as it was published in the January newsletter. Applicants will submit an email to Robin Mountain and upon approval, checks will be issued to the City of Bellemeade.

ARPA funds can be used for new and additional "traditional government" expenses based on the final treasury rule. Commissioner Ben Zickel suggested that we consider paying Rumpke from those funds.

Sandy Walker commented that if we plan on having the drainage ditch cleaned it would likely be less expensive the sooner we schedule it, as the overgrowth will not have a chance to fill in. She will get an estimate before our next meeting.

ARPA projects and expenditures must be reported annually. The deadline is April 30. Mayor Martin will meet with the city treasurer and city clerk next Saturday to work on the reporting procedure.

Commissioner Reports

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker is recommending we get an estimate about the remaining cracks in the roads. Winter was hard on the parts that had not been previously filled. Additionally, she asked for help in patching holes that have developed at the entrances, and elsewhere that need filling. It is very difficult to hire contractors for small jobs like this.

She reported that parking continues to be a problem. She suggested that we reach out to our police patrols and ask that warnings be issued for parking infractions.

Public Safety Report - Robin Mountain reported that an arrow had landed in a neighbor's backyard. He asked for mention in the newsletter about the dangers of any projectiles being fired within the city.

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

Public Events Report - Halle Brumleve updated the commission on upcoming events. Yard sale date has been changed to August 20 due to a number of considerations. The Yummiest food truck will again be parked in the neighborhood, and we are searching for additional trucks as well.

Arbor Day will take place on April 23, at ^{9:30}10:30 am. Details were discussed regarding the number and size of trees to be obtained considering the budget available. James moved to authorize Halle to purchase fewer, but larger trees, including planting, for this event. Robin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A block party is being planned for May 28, starting at 5:30. Blaine Road will be blocked off and neighbors can bring a dish to share as well as their own drinks and chairs.

Public Comments - None

New Business –

Geri Huff presented the commission with her budget proposals for the upcoming year. She reviewed the various changes including an increase in salary/payroll due to tax reporting changes and an increase in KLC membership fees. Public Safety will continue to be paid by CARES funds.

Additionally, she asked if the 2021-2022 budget could be increased to accommodate these increases. James will create an ordinance to affect the increase.

Tax rate change discussion was tabled until property tax assessments have been completed.


James Martin presented for First Reading a Canopy Tree Ordinance that will provide for

reimbursement for planting canopy trees. The commissioners discussed a general agreement with the plan for reimbursement and discussed increasing the amount of reimbursement.


April Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7 PM. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor



Trish Scott, City Clerk