

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Bellemeade Property Tax Ordinance

Mayor James Martin opened the public hearing at 6:39 after waiting for residents to join the meeting. With no residents in attendance, the commissioners discussed an email Mayor Martin received from a resident suggesting that the city use the CARES plan funds for expenses and keep the current tax amount the same by decreasing the rate. They expressed concern for those residents who might be struggling to meet any additional expenses. Discussion among commissioners addressed the rising costs of operation for Bellemeade currently and in the future, including the substantial expense for road replacement. Lowering the tax rate at this time would likely result in higher increases in the future. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 with no further input.

City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2022

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
Commissioner Robin Mountain
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 6:44 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The July 11, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Ben Zickel moved to approve the minutes as amended. James Martin seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. With the exception of the area government insurance premium, which is paid every July, all other expenses are as usual. Geri is still awaiting the audit results at this time. The investment account rose in value as of the end of June. In the PNC account, she has moved funds from Money Market to checking due to the low interest rate. The road funds come monthly, and Geri is in touch with DLG regarding the audit results. CARES will be allocated in August and will be used for sanitation, safety and LG&E costs.

Mayor James Martin moved to approve the treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that Barry Blalock would be attending the next commission meeting to discuss investment options for Bellemeade.

Commissioner Reports

Public Lands Report - Ben Zickel reported that all is well in Public Lands

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker reported that N. Chadwick has been repaired. The Los Arboles condo is still not getting trash picked up and she will address this issue with Rumpke.

Public Safety Report - Robin Mountain discussed the various aspects of our current security program, commenting that at our current cost of \$1,300 per month we are paying \$3 per month per household for Kentucky Law Enforcement's patrols. Discussion continued as to whether patrols were being conducted as we had requested or not. It appears that August's schedule didn't reflect the number of weekend patrols we had asked for. Commissioner Mountain stated he is happy with the current schedule and has confirmed patrols are taking place at night as we requested. We can also ask for patrols to be moved to the weekends. Sandy Walker asked if we could request warnings be issued for overnight parking to those who are regularly parking on the street overnight.

Public Events Report - Commissioner Halle Brumleve distributed fliers for the yard signs with details about the yard sale. They included times and the locations of the food trucks.

Public Comments - none

New Business - James Martin presented the Property Tax Ordinance for second reading. The Ordinance remains unchanged from the previous reading, reflecting the 6.6% / \$100 of property value. James Martin moved to pass the ordinance as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The ordinance will be published in the upcoming quarterly newsletter.

City Treasurer Geri Huff proposed that we explore changing the ZIP code for the Mooregate area of Bellemeade from 40223 to 40222, which would change the post office that serves that area from Middletown to Lyndon. Residents in 40223 have been experiencing many problems with their mail delivery making it difficult to conduct business. Geri expressed her concern for the upcoming tax bills. Discussion revolved around the feasibility of this change. An option could be to open a PO Box for the city.

September Meeting Locations - The next working meeting falls on Labor Day, so will be canceled. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk