

City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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 Barry Blaylock Sherry Chilton

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222. He announced that would need to leave the meeting a few minutes early.

Approval of Minutes - The August 8, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes were read. James Martin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. The city collected \$16,000 in insurance premium taxes. She has still not received the audit results at this time, and will allocate the CARES funds (\$107,535 total) when she receives the final audit. Road funds will also be assigned once the audit is completed.

Barry Blaylock commented regarding the total amount of the CARES funds and informed the commission that Morgan Stanley Private Bank has an FDIC insured money market savings account paying 2.15%, that is tied to the Federal interest rate. He proposes that the city open a preferred savings to obtain the higher interest rate. Geri will discuss details with Barry.

Mayor James Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Sandy Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report - Sandy Walker reported that the street crack sealing had been completed. Geri will obtain the bill (\$2,046). Dorchester still needs some patching where the cracks were more pronounced. Sandy Walker and James Martin will complete the patching for those areas that need it.

Commissioner Reports

Public Safety Report - James Martin and Sandy Walker reported on Public Safety in Robin Mountain's absence. Parking issues have continued, and initially Robin discussed his desire with Mayor Martin to direct Kentucky Law Enforcement (KLE) to begin issuing tickets to residents. After discussion, James

continues to believe that warnings should be issued for a time prior to tickets being issued. James brought with him a possible warning form which could be made into a carbon copy form for better warning record keeping. A resident on Dorchester contacted James and Halle regarding her belief that she came close to a serious auto accident with oncoming traffic on the Dorchester curve where the resident parks. Her vehicle and the oncoming vehicle were heading toward each other as they rounded the curve.

on her observations. She has been tracking their natrols including days and times on the schedule and observing them.

she outlined dates and times of various patrols including late August and early September.

James Martin suggested that we can either decrease our payment, or limit the shifts. Sandy commented that she would be willing to oversee Public Safety in the future if that would facilitate their compliance with our expectations.

At this time, because Mayor Martin had to leave the meeting, Public Comments were heard.

Public Comments

Sherry Chilton informed the commissioners that a neighbor has been burning illegal items on a regular basis. They burn green yard waste and other trash type items, sometimes using charcoal fluid to accelerate their fires. Air Pollution Control has been contacted and visited the neighbors on a couple of occasions but this has not stopped the fires. Commissioner Walker suggested that she call the Fire Department in the future as they would focus more on illegal burning as opposed to air pollution. Additionally, the residents are renting, and it was recommended that the homeowners be contacted regarding the illegal burning.

At this time, Mayor Martin asked Sandy Walker to chair the meeting as he had to leave.

City Attorney Stephen Porter offered to send the homeowners a letter informing them of the laws pertaining to burning items in our neighborhood.

Commissioner Reports - Resumed

Public Safety Report - Sandy Walker asked the Commission if the Public Safety issue should be tabled at this time due to Mayor Martin's and Robin Mountain's absences. Geri Huff informed the commission that she has a couple of KLE bills that have not been paid as they were presented late. Ben Zickel moved to instruct the treasurer to hold any open invoices from KLE until the situation is discussed further with Public Safety Commissioner Robin Mountain, and proof can be obtained for completion of the patrols being billed. Sandy Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Lands Report - Ben Zickel received an inquiry about the Tree Planting Ordinance, and discovered there is no form online as indicated in the ordinance. While searching for that item, he discovered many outdated areas on the website. Geri Huff commented that she may have a copy of an old application for Tree Reimbursement from the past program. Sandy Walker suggested that a Website Update item be put on next month's meeting agenda.

Public Works Report - Crack sealing has been completed as previously discussed.

Public Events Report - Commissioner Halle Brumleve received a number of requests from residents that we put "No Parking This Side of Street" for the yard sale next year to ease congestion from the extra traffic.

Sherry Chilton commented that street lights are needed on Wood Road and asked if CARES funds could be used to provide those on the Bellemeade side of the street.

October Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, October 3, 2022. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Commissioner Sandy Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

√ames Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk

