



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Cindy Oppel
Commissioner Ben Zickel
City Treasurer Geri Huff
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

None

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.

Approval of Minutes - The March 13, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Commissioner Zickel requested that the minutes be amended by deleting the last sentence in the public safety report. After discussion, Ben Zickel made a motion to approve minutes with the amendment. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. She commented that it has been a quiet month. Mike's lawn care has been paid and coded to landscape maintenance. Geri informed the commission that Sang's Tree Service, who has provided tree removal service for the city, has been sold to Bob Ray. They are known to be substantially more expensive. Geri suggested that we obtain quotes from Bob Ray, and explore alternatives. Mayor Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report - James Martin presented the commission with his report for the month. Bellemeade resident Alan Lewis attended the last working meeting on April 3, to suggest that we look into burying the city's power lines. Discussion about the excessive cost, difficulty, and need resulted in this topic being tabled at this time. Mayor Martin reported that he has met with Shelby House representatives to discuss issues with city services for their building.

The Project and Expenditure Report is due on April 30, so City Treasurer Geri Huff, Mayor Martin, and Clerk Trish Scott are scheduled to meet on April 22 to ensure that the report is submitted in a timely manner. Trish will also work to update the SAM Registration before the June 15 deadline.

The Code of Ordinances is being reviewed by Clerk Trish Scott to ensure that all current ordinances are included and up to date.

City Budget - Geri Huff will send a draft out for review prior to the first reading of the ordinance at the May meeting to determine if there will be any changes to the tax rate. The commissioners can be prepared to

discuss their area's expenses and request any needed changes. With such a great response to the Arbor Day lottery this year Commissioner Brumleve would like to obtain more trees to give away next year. It was suggested the arbor day tree budget could come out of beautification.

CARES funds are winding down as we continue to use them for city expenses.

As previously discussed, Mayor James Martin will provide training for the new website at May's Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Halle Brumleve reported that she received 16 entries for the Arbor Day tree giveaway. She picked the 5 winners at the meeting and will inform them and determine where the tree planting demonstration will take place. A "save the date" announcement for the May 21st Block Party and the August 19th yard sale were included in the April newsletter and will be further promoted on the community FaceBook page and with flyers in the yard signs as the dates draw near. Commissioner Brumleve will gauge interest in pickleball lessons at AB Sawyer park for Bellemeade residents.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Ben Zickel reported that Paine Electric has not yet fixed the entrance light and he will follow up with them. Sandy Walker informed Ben and the commission that Lyndon had recently renegotiated Rumke's contract with a 30% increase. Geri Huff will send the Rumpke addendum to Ben for review. Mayor Martin requested that Ben research more reasonably priced tree service alternatives to Bob Ray.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported that there will be no striping or sealing for Bellemeade roads this year. Roads are not ready for paving at this time, and speed humps don't need painting or repair at this time. Stop signs continue to be a problem due to insufficient mounting hardware. Sandy will ~~have them~~ bolted to the posts more securely so they don't continue to fail. Commissioner Oppel commented that a number of streetlights are leaning and need to be repaired.

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Sandy has spoken with Lyndon officials including the Mayor, regarding the Interlocal Agreement for police patrols. The geo fence has already been established around Bellemeade. Any calls to 911 will be routed to Lyndon for quicker response time. Any non-emergency calls will continue to be answered by Metro Louisville.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to adopt a Municipal Order approving the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lyndon and the City of Bellemeade for police patrols. James Martin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel informed the commission that she had received a complaint regarding a tree leaning on the front lawn of 102 Southampton. The tree is being slowly removed and the neighboring house has removed the portion of the tree on their property which caused the tree to shift back onto the lawn. A fence has also been damaged. Various approaches were discussed including a postcard or similar communication informing residents of code violations.

Cindy asked if we had addressed a previous complaint as she had received an email about a noisy car on Wood Road. She will reply to the email informing the resident that we plan to notify police patrols so that they are aware. It may also be advisable to send a notice to the residents with the loud car informing them that we have received a complaint. Mayor Martin and Commissioner Oppel will meet on April 20 to discuss.

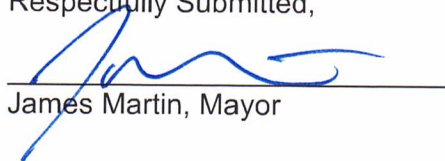

Public Comments - None

New Business - Interlocal agreement with Lyndon was discussed and unanimously approved during the Public Safety report.

April Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, May 1, 2023. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor
Trish Scott, City Clerk

