



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023**

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Cindy Oppel
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
City Attorney Stephen Porter
City Treasurer Geri Huff, via phone
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

None

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The November 13, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the minutes with a manual correction of a typographical error. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that the city has been receiving tax checks as well as insurance premium payments this month. Expenses were as expected. The investment fund is once again showing a positive return. There were no questions and Sandy Walker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Brumleve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that the working meeting was attended by himself, Sandy Walker and Cindy Oppel.

Steve Porter reported that there is a public hearing on January 3, regarding the Shelbyhurst development plans and that he would be in attendance. The plans are nearly the same as the original proposal and he is not concerned about major changes. He did not feel anything needed to be opposed by the Bellemeade Commission.

Public Comments - None

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the Holiday House decoration contest flier is ready to go and can include info on the backside about the snowman contest as well. Results will be included in the newsletter and the Bellemeade Forum on Facebook.

At this time, Mayor Martin had to leave the meeting for another engagement. In Mayor Pro Tem Ben Zickel's absence, Cindy Oppel was appointed to direct the remainder of the meeting.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - While Commissioner Ben Zickel was not in attendance to discuss the new Rumpke contract, Steve Porter informed the commissioners that a company called Anytime Garbage serves the City of Richlawn at a much cheaper price than Rumpke. He suggested we consider discussing services with them.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker informed the commission that she had received a letter from a resident expressing concern with the Lyndon Police presence in Bellemeade. This resident is not trusting of police and wanted to protest our use of their services. Cindy ~~Opel~~ ^{OPPEL} suggested that we acknowledge the resident's concern, but as most feedback has been positive, no action will be taken.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that she and Mayor Martin drove the entire City of Bellemeade on November 18, canvassing for parking violations. They identified a number of properties with violations. A letter was drafted explaining the parking code, and requesting that the homeowners comply. Letters will be mailed shortly along with photos of the violations. The neighborhood will be canvassed occasionally for specific code violations, and all commissioners are encouraged to take part if they are so inclined.

At this time, City Clerk Trish Scott asked for guidance with requests to post web links or URLs on the City's webpage and on Bellemeade social media pages. Some are from organizations providing public services. The commissioners agreed that no links or other solicitation will be accepted on either the website or on Bellemeade social media pages. She had also received a suggestion from a neighbor that the tree fund include reimbursement for maintenance. This has been investigated in the past and was rejected at the time due to possible problems with implementation.

Regarding the recent water shut offs, Sandy Walker reported that she was told by Louisville Water Company that they will contact her to alert us if and when water is shut off in the future.

Cindy Oppel asked who is responsible for the garbage cans at the bus stops at the Bellemeade entrances on Shelbyville Road. Steve Porter replied that it is likely TARC is responsible for those trash cans. Ben Zickel may be able to answer this question at our next meeting.

New Business - No new business.

January Meeting Locations - There will be no working meeting as the first Monday of January falls on New Year's Day. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Commissioner Oppel adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor


Trish Scott, City Clerk