



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Cindy Oppel
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
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 7:06 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The December 1, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that tax checks have continued to come in during December. Expenses were as expected and included the PVA fee for tax bill preparation. The investment fund is once again showing a positive return with a balance of \$211,928. Sandy Walker commented that perhaps we should discuss moving the funds out of the stock market/investment account. Geri outlined the returns on the city bank accounts held at Liberty and at PNC bank, which is extremely low. Commissioners discussed the S&P returns and ways to increase the city's investment returns. James Martin commented that he will include Investment Returns as an agenda item for our next meeting. Sandy Walker requested a comparison of the investment balance* at 1/1/23 and 1/1/24. *CITY FUNDS
With no further questions, Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner Zickel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported there was no working meeting with the date falling on New Year's Day. Mayor Martin asked Treasurer Geri Huff about the Project & Expenditure report notices that are being emailed from the Treasury department claiming that they have not received our report. Geri has submitted the report, and has screenshots of the submission confirmation. Treasurer Huff and Mayor Martin will discuss on Saturday via phone to determine how to proceed.

James Martin reported that he will contact the new website administrators to discuss updating the City of Bellemeade website.

Public Comments - None

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the Holiday House decoration contest was a success and the snowman and pet photo contests are still being promoted via the website and fliers. Available results will be published in the newsletter. She would like to schedule a Meet and Greet for residents to meet the commissioners prior to the March Commission Meeting. The Block Party was not well attended last year perhaps due to timing. It will be scheduled for April or May and promoted via signage throughout the city.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel updated the commission on the Rumpke contract renewal. Rates have increased approximately 40%. He has reached out to Waste Management and Republic with no response so far. Steve Porter recommended that Ben contact Anytime Waste Systems. Ben further informed that Rumpke has asked for a house/resident count, claiming that they have not been billing enough for the services they're providing. With our current tax rate, we cannot afford to keep Rumpke at their new pricing, so we must find an alternative. Republic and Waste Management are the two primary alternatives. Our current contract expired on January 1, 2024, so we are currently paying the higher pricing. Cancellation restrictions are not specifically addressed, so we'll continue to use their services as we search for a new provider.

Commissioner Oppel asked if Ben could find out who is responsible for emptying the trash cans at the TARC stops at the Shelbyville Road entrances.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker commented that the house on Whippsmill has improved and looks much better now. The dumpster on Holston has been removed as well. She spoke with Robert Hull, the snow removal contractor that we used last year, and he will once again be on call to plow streets when needed.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that the code enforcement canvassing letters were mailed on December 16. She has not received any responses to date. Mayor Martin commented that he has received some feedback, but has not responded yet. He suggested that another canvassing drive be done soon, and perhaps schedule them every couple of months. He suggested going this Saturday, January 13, at 2pm since he will be on vacation soon.

Cindy Oppel informed the commission that she has reached out to a contact at Metro Council for assistance regarding the truck on Charing Cross and the parking/vehicle code violation.


City Attorney Steve Porter reported that he had attended the public meeting regarding the Shelbyhurst development. There were no real changes since the project was presented originally in 2016. All plans are the same, and the meeting went smoothly.

New Business - No new business.

February Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, February 5, 2024. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Commissioner Oppel adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor



Trish Scott, City Clerk