



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2024**

**Commission Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Kathy Rodgers  
Jane Ransom

**Call to Order** - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

**Approval of Minutes** - The January 8, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Sandra Walker requested that the Treasurer's Report section be amended to read "...a comparison of the **city funds** at 1/1/23 and 1/1/24" instead of "...a comparison of the **investment balance**". This change was made manually on the January Minutes. Cindy Oppel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report* - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that she will address their previous questions at our next meeting. She also made two corrections to the January Financial Statement that was handed out. The corrected statement was submitted immediately via email to all commissioners. She reported that taxes had slowed in January, but insurance premiums have picked up. The investment balance is currently \$215,928. The \$570 remaining CARES funds will be used to offset the Safety expenses. James Martin made a motion to approve the corrected Treasurers Report. Sandra Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Reports**

*Mayor's Report* - Mayor Martin reported that the working meeting was attended by Patty Bohlen and Kathy Rodgers from the Los Arboles condominium. There was a productive discussion about how Bellemeade can better support Los Arboles with city services. At this time Mayor Martin invited Kathy Rodgers and Jane Ransom to make their public comments to the commission. Kathy Rodgers reported the various updates that have been made to the condominium building and grounds and the issues that still need to be addressed. They have experienced suspicious activity and expressed the need for increased police patrols, ideally a drive through their circular drive. They also want to explore additional lighting and paving in their common parking area if applicable. Sandy Walker will contact Lyndon Police to request drive through patrols. Mayor Martin commented that it is not likely that Bellemeade can assist in any monetary manner, but we will explore the best ways to provide support to Los Arboles residents. Ms Rodgers added that the trash pick up is also an issue since Rumpke does not regularly empty their dumpster, and when they're called to make the pick up, they want to charge extra. James Martin directed them to call the City of Bellemeade the next time this occurs, and they were given Ben Zickel's contact information.



James Martin reported that he contacted the new website administrators who updated the City of Bellemeade website. He will send commissioners and employees a link to reset passwords and gain access to the site. A Zoom meeting/training session will be held on February 19 at 7pm.

**Public Comments** - See Mayor's Report

### **Commissioner Reports**

*Public Events Report* - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the snowman and pet photo contests are still being promoted via the website and fliers. There will be a Meet and Greet for residents to meet the commissioners prior to the March Commission Meeting. Ideas for the Arbor Day celebration in April include a coloring event for kids, a tree measurement contest for residents including a cash prize for the largest tree, and a random drawing for those who enter the tree contest. Coloring pages can be placed in the "What's Happening" signs. The block party will be scheduled for June 1, with increased signage and flyers promoting the event.

*Public Lands & Public Works Report* - Commissioner Ben Zickel informed the commission that he had contacted Anytime Waste, but they were not able to give a quote for Bellemeade, possibly due to manpower issues. He will reach out to Rumpke to try to negotiate our contract with them, and also contact Republic Waste Services. James Martin asked how much we are paying for mowing the entrances at Shelbyville Road. They are in need of further maintenance. Ben reported our current provider charges \$160 per mowing, but any additional work is charged extra. Perhaps we can request input for bids for more comprehensive maintenance of the entrances via email, the Facebook page, and an item in the newsletter.

*Public Safety & Roads Report* - Sandy Walker reported safety concerns are being addressed by Lyndon's Police patrols. She noticed increased yard signs for contractors and asked whether or not the signs are allowed to remain if a contractor is not actively working on a given residence. While the website contains an item prohibiting contractors' yard signs, there is no current ordinance addressing this. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting. Sandy will reach out to Lyndon Police regarding patrols for Los Arboles.

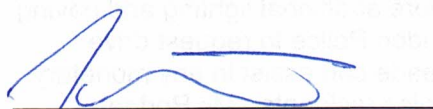
*Code Enforcement Report* - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported no new issues for Code Enforcement. She has seen improvements as a result of the canvassing letters. Another canvassing was done on January 13, and more letters will be sent as a result of that effort. She commented that the canvassing is a positive response to resident complaints about various code violations.

**New Business** - No new business.

*March Meeting Locations* - The next working meeting will be at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, March 4, 2024. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7 PM, following the Meet and Greet at 6:30PM.


**Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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James Martin, Mayor



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Trish Scott, City Clerk