



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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, via phone
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

Boyd Parsons
Becki Parsons

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222. He thanked those residents who attended the meet and greet prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes - The February 12, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes were read. James Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that tax revenues have slowed, but checks continue to come in. Insurance Premium taxes have picked up some. Expenses are normal with the exception of the Sanitation bill which has increased as has been discussed. The increased sanitation cost will be reflected in the budget. The investment account balance increased in February, and she will apply the \$570 CARES act fund to the next safety invoice. Sandy Walker asked whether the City of Bellemeade could take advantage of the Louisville Area Insurance Trust. Geri will pull city insurance records to review.

Jame Martin commented that the LGPT insurance tax is nearly equal to the property tax. James asked if we had many outstanding property taxes. Geri Huff reported that we currently have approximately 12 - 14 properties that have not paid yet. She has filed a lien on those outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.

Halle Brumleve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sandy Walker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin requested that Geri Huff be available for the next working meeting to allow the commissioners their input for the budget. With the substantial increase in our sanitation expense, it is likely that we will have to raise taxes. Geri will begin working on the budget in preparation for the working meeting. Last week's working meeting was attended by Cindy Oppel and Sandy Walker.

Matt Ricketts requested a meeting with Mayor Martin to discuss a new initiative at Shelbyhurst. James will attend along with Steve Porter. They will meet on March 13, at 2pm, and report the results.

Public Comments - Becki Parsons inquired how long Rumpke has been providing our sanitation services. Ben Zickel replied that it has been since 2007.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the Arbor Day coloring pages have not been distributed in the neighborhood signs yet due to rain, but will be shortly, along with flyers announcing Arbor Day Celebration and the tree measurement contest and tree lottery.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel informed the commission that he had contacted Rumpke to try to negotiate our contract with them, but has had no luck in getting the rate reduced. He did contact Republic Waste Services, but needs to discuss with a different contact there. He reported that landscape maintenance has been awarded to Henry Waldrige who is a resident of Bellemeade. The sprinkler system will be turned on soon, and the broken timer at the Bellemeade Road entrance will be addressed at that time. He learned from TARC that the trash cans at the Shelbyville Road bus stops are the responsibility of the City of Louisville. He was told they would be emptied soon. Street lights are being addressed, and repaired slowly. Information about street light repair can be included in the newsletter and on the city website, so residents will know how to report directly to LG&E.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported that Lyndon police will be driving through the Los Arboles parking lot and circular drive during their patrols. Commissioner Walker commented on the Facebook page discussion regarding the black tar striping that was applied to the roads to slow their deterioration. Sealing the roads to cover the striping would be cost prohibitive. The purpose of using the tar is to extend the functionality of the roads as long as possible before repaving becomes necessary.


Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel discussed parking violations and canvassing success with the Commission. She and Mayor Martin will be canvassing the city again soon to identify any continuing violations as well as any new ones since the last drive through.

New Business - No new business.

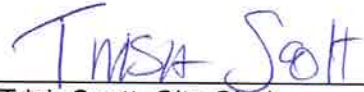
April Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, April 1, 2024. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor



Trish Scott, City Clerk