



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**June 10, 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 7:07 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

**Approval of Minutes** - The May 13, 2024 Minutes were read and Ben Zickel made a motion to approve as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report* - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that Insurance Premium taxes are coming in as expected. There were some additional expenses for repairing the irrigation system but they were otherwise as expected. This being the last month of the fiscal year, only minor additional expenses are expected. James Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Reports**

*Mayor's Report* - Mayor Martin was informed that the SAM Registration was completed by City Clerk Trish Scott as requested. He also commented that the DLG Audit is still due. Geri Huff informed the commission that we have an extension for 2022 due to the CARES funds and she is in the process of acquiring a new CPA. The previous CPA was unable to complete the audit as expected. Geri has been in contact with other local cities to assist in retaining a qualified CPA - one who is able to complete a "Local Government Audit". She is in the process of obtaining names and quotes. In the meantime, the city's road funds will accrue until the audit is up to date.

**Public Comments** - None.

**Commissioner Reports**

*Public Events Report* - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the block party was canceled due to rain. She's considering another date in the future to have the block party. The Yard Sale is on for August 17 and she is in the process of acquiring food trucks for that event.

*Public Lands & Public Works Report* - Commissioner Ben Zickel informed the commission that Henry Waldrige pulled the dead bushes at the Moorgate entrance and took the ties off the leaning trees at the

Bellemeade entrance. Cindy Oppel commented that the trash bin has still not been emptied at the bus stop. Ben will provide the email he received for follow up.

*Public Safety & Roads Report* - Sandy Walker reported that there were no new issues this month. The Lyndon Police website vacation link was discussed. It is unclear if they provide confirmation when requests are made for additional patrols.

*Code Enforcement Report* - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported there were no new issues at this time.

**New Business** - 2024-2025 City Budget Ordinance - Second Reading

Mayor Martin presented the 2024-2025 City Budget Ordinance for second reading. Discussion followed regarding raising taxes. Even with increased property values and revenue, the increased waste management cost will negatively impact city finances. Various tax scenarios were discussed, resulting in a tax rate of 9.2% to cover the shortfall. This change will require a public hearing as it exceeds the 4% change limit.

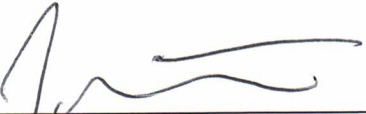
After discussion, two budget items were amended to more accurately represent the coming year's revenue. The LGPT was increased to \$79,000, and the insurance premium tax was increased to \$101,993, to reflect increased assessments and anticipated rising insurance premiums.

Halle Brumleve made a motion to approve the budget as amended. Ben Zickel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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James Martin, Mayor

  
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Trish Scott, City Clerk