



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2024**

**Commission Members Present**

Mayor James Martin, via phone  
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, attending via phone, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

**Approval of Minutes** - The June 10, 2024 Minutes were read and Ben Zickel made a motion to approve as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that Insurance Premium taxes have slowed this month. There are still approximately 11 outstanding property tax payments. She pointed out that the mowing expense seems high since it represents 3 months of invoices. The investment account is up at \$242,468. The Police expense will not show until the July report. Ben Zickel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Reports**

**Mayor's Report** - Mayor Martin informed the commission of the requirement for a tax increase. Due to the amount of the increase, a public hearing is required, and a notice must be sent prior to the hearing. Postcards will be mailed announcing the proposed tax increase, and the Public Hearing date, which will be August 12, at 6:30, prior to the regular Commission Meeting.

Mayor Martin inquired as to the status of the city auditor search, and Geri Huff informed that the search is still ongoing.

**Public Comments** - None.

**Commissioner Reports**

**Public Events Report** - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the Yard Sale is on for August 17. While she has had some difficulty acquiring food trucks for that event, there is a possibility that a donut truck will be available. She will continue her search. New date stickers will be ordered for the yard sale signs.

*Public Lands & Public Works Report* - Commissioner Ben Zickel informed the commission that he contacted TARC regarding the trash collection at the bus stops. He also has reached out to Ecotek and they are working on a quote for trash, recycling and yard waste services. Landscape services were discussed and he commented that we do not have an official contract with Henry Waldrige. Discussion centered around a list of duties and specific tasks to be agreed upon for the landscaping. Steve Porter commented that Commissioner Zickel can send an email to Mr. Waldrige outlining our expectations, and ask him to reply with his agreement.

*Public Safety & Roads Report* - Sandy Walker reported that there were no new issues this month.

*Code Enforcement Report* - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that she had received a couple of new complaints that were resolved verbally with the neighbors. She would like to do another canvassing of the city, and she and Mayor Martin will meet on August 25 to drive the neighborhood.

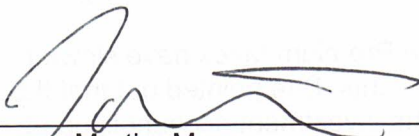
**New Business** - 2024 Tax Assessment Ordinance - First Reading

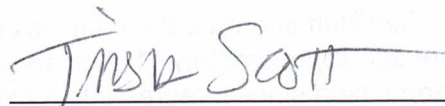
Mayor Martin presented the 2024 Tax Ordinance for first reading. The only change in the ordinance compared to last year is the ad valorem tax rate, which is 9.2 cents per \$100 valuation of the property as assessed for taxation.

*August Meeting Locations* - The next working meeting will be at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, August 4, 2024. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7 PM, after the Public Hearing.

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
James Martin, Mayor

  
Trish Scott, City Clerk