



PUBLIC HEARING
City of Bellemeade Property Tax Ordinance

Mayor James Martin opened the public hearing at 6:30 pm. In attendance were L. Oldham, C. Oldham, M. Ante and J.Hettich. Mayor Martin informed those in attendance that he had received an email from one N. Garbett opposing the tax increase. Discussion addressed various options to avoid increasing taxes, including cutting expenses, increasing investment returns, and possibly utilizing the general fund for ongoing expenses. Costs of operation for Bellemeade were discussed including the recent significant increase in waste management costs, and the future substantial expense for road replacement. Keeping the tax at our current rate at this time would likely result in much higher increases in the future. All residents in attendance were opposed to the tax increase. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 pm with no further input.

City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

J. Hettich

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 introduced Mera Corlett, who is a candidate for Metro Council. She is running as a non-partisan candidate and informed the commission that she can better serve district 18.

Approval of Minutes - The July 8, 2024 Minutes were read and James Martin 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 the city's new fiscal year begins on July 1. Expenses are as expected, including insurance, IT costs, plus payroll tax.. The investment account increased again to \$245,000. Halle Brumleve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. James Martin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Geri Huff informed the commission that the city auditor search continues with slow progress. Other cities have been impacted by the same issue with our former auditor.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin informed the commission that he and Commissioner Walker attended the voluntary working meeting.

He informed the commission that if the Tax Ordinance passes, an announcement is required to be published

within 7 days, via the Courier-Journal informing residents of the tax increase, and their option to oppose it. The announcement must provide instructions on how to initiate that process. Additionally, a copy of the approved ordinance would need to be mailed to Bellemeade residents within 30 days, necessitating a special mailing due to the timing of the next newsletter. Mayor Martin will discuss the process with Steve Porter, City Attorney.

Public Comments - None.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that she has been making final arrangements for the Yard Sale on August 17. She will put balloons on all the entrance signs, and the no parking signs will be placed on Friday at 6:30. There is no rain date, and so far, no food trucks have officially committed.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel informed the commission that he had received an email from a resident on Woodcleft asking if the city could clean up the area near the corner of Bellemeade and Shelbyville Roads. Because the area is on private property, we are not able to address it directly at this time. Cindy Oppel commented that the greenspace on Woodcleft has not been weeded. James Martin commented that he has been contacted by an individual about doing the weeding, landscaping and mulching, and had directed him to contact Ben. The need to explore more options for maintenance of the city greenspaces was discussed and may be a good topic for upcoming newsletters. Commissioner Zickel also reported that he had finally received a quote from Ecotek for waste management services, but it was not a great savings, and only provided for recycling every other week.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported that a streetlight had been struck and knocked down on Dorchester Road. LG&E was replacing it, and Lyndon Police took a report of the incident. She requested that we pin the non-emergency Lyndon Police phone number to a prominent place on the Bellemeade website.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that there was a repeat complaint regarding a tree that needs to be removed and was in the process of being addressed. She also voiced some concern about golf carts driving in the neighborhood in the evening, due to their extremely bright lights. The city canvassing will be rescheduled as she and Mayor Martin were not able to accomplish it earlier as planned.

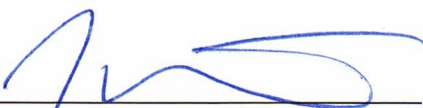
New Business - 2024 Tax Assessment Ordinance - Second Reading

Mayor Martin presented the 2024 Tax Ordinance for second reading. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Sandy Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

September Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be canceled as it falls on Labor Day. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor



Trish Scott, City Clerk