



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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 7:08 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The September 9, 2024 Minutes were read, and Mayor Martin requested that extraneous comments regarding zoning laws be stricken from the new business discussion in order to maintain clarity on that subject. City Clerk Trish Scott will update that section as requested. James Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Sandy Walker seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. Insurance premiums totalled approximately \$19,000, and the Courier-Journal announcement for the public hearing was \$1,700. Other expenses are as expected. The investment account increased again and is currently \$256,000. James Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Geri Huff informed the commission that the city auditor search continues to be a challenge. Welenken failed to provide any quote, citing short staff. Hurstbourne uses Baldwin for their audits and she will contact them. She's asked numerous other cities and many are in the same position. Commissioner Walker suggested checking with the Department of Local Governments (DLG), and she will check with her contact at Richlawn. Geri will submit the 2024 Financial Report to the DLG as requested in a recent email.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that the working meeting on October 7 was attended by himself and commissioner Oppel. He informed the commission that we had missed the June 1st deadline to submit names for the printed ballot for the upcoming election. He asked if all commissioners would be running again. All commissioners are running for office again with the exception of Ben Zickel. All will fulfill their terms of office through January 1, 2025 and a 4th Commissioner can be appointed at that time.

Public Comments - None.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve informed the commission that the Halloween Parade is on for October 20th at 3:30. Flyers will be distributed and posted on the Facebook page, and are in the "What's Happening Bellemeade" yard signs.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel reported that the sprinklers have been winterized and the water turned off in the common areas. Leaves will be cleared soon as well.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported no new safety issues.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported some complaints regarding the abandoned house at 206 Bellemeade. It has been falling into disrepair at this point and needs to be reported to Louisville Metro. They will likely issue citations for open/broken windows and other violations.

New Business - City Attorney Steve Porter reported that he had not found any deed restrictions relating to the proposed Airbnb. He asked if the Commission wanted to be involved in rejecting the proposal, or allow him to handle the situation. Although there is no direct access to Bellemeade roads, we can request that a fence be installed to prevent any possible issues with guests.

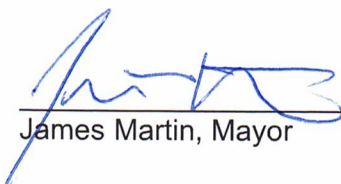
Mayor Martin asked the commissioners for their input on whether they wish to be involved in the decision. All Commission members were in favor of supporting the neighbors adjacent to the proposed Airbnb by opposing the proposal. Steve will keep the Commission up to date on the proposal.

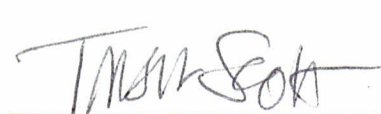
Geri Huff informed the commission on the current investments. She reported on PNC and Liberty Money Market funds and their respective returns which were very low. She has investigated Liberty's CD via their online calculator which offered 5% on \$250,000 for a 4 year term. 5/3rd Bank's offering was 3.5% for a 3-month period. Sandy Walker advised to make sure the investments are in an FDIC insured vehicle. It was suggested that we also look at Park Community and Eclipse Bank. Mayor Martin asked Geri to continue exploring other options for our investment funds. Various approaches were discussed for getting the best results. James Martin asked Geri to look into Liberty, Synchrony, Eclipse and Park Community. James will check that we are able to invest in CDs, and any limitations for our funds.

November Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, November 4, at 7:00 pm. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor


Trish Scott, City Clerk