



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Cindy Oppel
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 7:02 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The November 11, 2024 Minutes were read, and Cindy Oppel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ben Zickel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. In November \$40,000 was collected in property taxes and \$24,000 in Insurance Premiums. Expenses were as expected. The investment account has increased to \$268,522. Mayor James Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded and the Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

Geri reported that she had sent an email outlining the city's current investment allocation to the commission as requested at the November meeting.

Mayor Martin enquired about the auditor search. Geri Huff is waiting to hear back from Mr. Sullivan regarding the auditor that Ridgelawn uses, and also contacted Kentucky League of Cities to get any recommendations they may have. She will check with Baldwin and will continue to investigate.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that there was no working meeting for December. He reminded the commissioners that we will need to fill the Commissioner vacancy that will be left by Ben Zickel. He asked that the Commissioners keep in mind anyone they would recommend to fill the vacancy. We will publicize via the Newsletter, email list, and Facebook.

Public Comments - None.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve was not in attendance, but it was noted that the Holiday House Decoration Contest had been publicized via the Newsletter and the neighborhood "What's Happening" yard signs.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel reported that the Holiday lights and decorations are up and functioning well. The Common Area Maintenance contracting will be put up for bid.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker had no Public Safety updates. She mentioned that the commission could consider an assessed fee to pay for additional Rumpke increases rather than a tax. This was briefly discussed and tabled.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported she'd received a couple of minor complaints that were resolved verbally.

New Business

Discussion of City Investments - CDs and Money Market Accounts - Mayor Martin opened discussion of the city investments. Options for allocating and investing the funds were discussed.

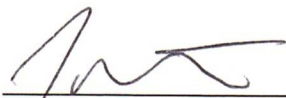
James Martin moved to authorize City Treasurer Geri Huff to take combined funds from the PNC and Liberty accounts and split that amount evenly (\$250,000 each) to Park Community and Liberty, in order to obtain the best CD rates. Ben Zickel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Swearing in of Cindy Oppel and Sandra Walker - City Attorney Stephen Porter swore in Cindy Oppel and Sandra Walker as City of Bellemeade Commissioners for the new term.

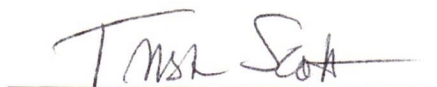
January Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 6, at 7:00 pm. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor



Trish Scott, City Clerk