

City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin Commissioner Sandy Walker Commissioner Cindy Oppel City Attorney Stephen Porter City Treasurer Geri Huff City Clerk Trish Scott Others Present Christy McGowan

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The December 9, 2024 Minutes were read, and James Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. In December, property taxes of \$48,000 were received, and the largest expense was the PVA invoice of \$5,500 for property tax bills. The investment account was down slightly, to approximately \$262,000. Commissioner Sandy Walker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded and the Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Martin enquired about the city auditor search. Geri is expecting a quote from Baldwin and will report to the commission when she receives it. She will continue to investigate auditor options.

Geri Huff informed the commission that she had purchased a CD from Liberty as discussed in December's meeting, for \$250,000 for one year at 4.4%. She will purchase a CD from Park Community for the same investment.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that there was no working meeting for December. He asked if anyone had heard of interest in the vacant Commissioner position, but there was none at this time.

Public Comments - Christy McGowan informed the commission that she is new to Bellemeade, and was in the process of updating her home.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve was not in attendance, but Mayor Martin reported that the holiday contests had a good response as evidenced by the posts on Facebook.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - James Martin informed the commissioners that he will be assuming the Public Lands and Public Works responsibilities until a replacement is found. He presented a proposed "Request for Bid" list for discussion. Commissioner Walker commented that we should add specific language regarding the type of herbicide to be used as well as grass height. The schedule for mulching was discussed and Geri Huff commented that in the past we only mulched one time per season, in the spring. James Martin will update the list of tasks, and the Request for Bid will be published in the newsletter.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker commented that she had spoken to a couple of residents who had parked in the street while it had snowed. The streets were plowed twice after it snowed, and the subsequent ice was difficult to manage. Our current plowing contractor does not provide salting service.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel had no updates for the commission.

New Business

Voting on Commissioner Roles for 2025-2026 - Mayor Martin presented the proposed commissioner roles. Mayor Martin made a motion to approve the list as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The following positions were approved:

Public Events - Halle Brumleve

Public Lands/Public Works - TBD (James Martin will assume responsibility until a replacement is appointed.)

Public Safety and Streets - Sandra Walker

Code Enforcement - Cindy Oppel

January Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 3, at 7:00 pm. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building, 700 N Hurstbourne Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40222

on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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