



## City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

### Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin  
Commissioner Sandy Walker  
Commissioner Cindy Oppel  
Commissioner Halle Brumleve  
City Attorney Stephen Porter  
City Treasurer Geri Huff  
City Clerk Trish Scott

### Others Present

Burt Deutsch  
Ralph Farsetti

**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 January 13, 2025 Minutes were read, and Halle Brumleve 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 January, expenses were as expected with the exception of the payroll tax and a \$530 charge for the holiday decorations. The investment account was performing well. Mayor James Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sandy Walker seconded the motion.

At this time, City Attorney Stephen Porter suggested that Commissioner Halle Brumleve be sworn in to perform her duties during the upcoming term. After Commissioner Brumleve was sworn in, a vote was taken, and the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Geri Huff reported to the commission that she had purchased a CD from Liberty as previously discussed, for \$250,000 for one year at 4.4%. She purchased a CD from Park Community for \$240,000, leaving \$10,000 in the PNC Money Market for easy access. Additionally she purchased a CD for \$80,000 at PNC paying 4.15%.

Mayor Martin enquired about the city auditor search. Baldwin has responded that they will not be able to start until this summer. They quoted \$15,000 per audit. Geri will continue to investigate auditor options and has contacted numerous other cities that are in a similar position as Bellemeade. She informed the commission that Fiscal Year 2024 will be accepted without an audit, keeping Bellemeade compliant on reporting.

### Reports

*Mayor's Report* - Mayor Martin reported that the working meeting on February 3 was attended by Geri Huff, Cindy Oppel, Sandy Walker and himself.

**Public Comments - None**

**Commissioner Reports**

*Public Events Report* - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the holiday contests were once again successful, and the pet photo contest was currently underway. Arbor Day is scheduled for April 26, and will be promoted on Facebook and the newsletter. Five canopy trees will be raffled once again, drawn on April 15.

*Public Lands & Public Works Report* - James Martin informed the commissioners that he has received three bids for the Landscape Maintenance, averaging approximately 11,000 per year. Further discussion and clarification of service and material costs is necessary before a decision can be made.

*Public Safety & Roads Report* - Sandy Walker reported that the \$2,000 snow removal budget was depleted with the last snowfall. With more snow expected she will pull any required funds from the Road Fund. She will ensure that the Shelbyhouse circular drive and access to the parking garage are plowed. She informed the commission of a zoning change request on Whipps Mill Road involving two single family homes. The owner is requesting the zoning be changed to allow office space. There is concern that this will add to already congested traffic in the area.

*Code Enforcement Report* - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that she was working on some complaints regarding inappropriately/illegally parked cars.

**New Business**


*Introduction of Commissioner Candidates* - Mayor Martin introduced the two commissioner candidates, Mr. Burt Deutsch and Mr. Ralph Farsetti, who informed the Commission of their interest and qualifications to assume the Public Lands/Public Works role.

Mayor Martin asked the Commission if they were prepared to vote at this time, and they were not. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

*March Meeting Locations* - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, March 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, March 10, 2025 at 7 PM.

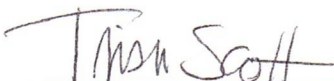
**Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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James Martin, Mayor



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Trish Scott, City Clerk