



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

March 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, via phone
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

Burt Deutsch

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The February 10, 2025 Minutes were read, and Cindy Oppel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. In February, expenses were as expected with the exception of the KLC membership dues. Insurance Premium taxes helped with revenues. The investment account had a negative performance this month. She has added the recently purchased CD information on the Financial Statement as well. Mayor James Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Martin enquired about the city auditor search. Geri Huff has placed us on a waiting list with Baldwin. She reminded the commissioners that Fiscal Year 2024 will be accepted without an audit, and she will submit that statement by April, keeping Bellemeade compliant on reporting.

She reported that she has acquired a new credit card for the City of Bellemeade and will be using it to pay the Rumpke bill, accruing cash back of approximately \$180 per month. The credit limit is \$25,000.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin apologized to commissioners regarding the working meeting scheduled for March 3, which did not take place due to his being detained in a court case. He informed the commission that he will contact Hatfield to follow up on our city website domain at .gov, to ensure its maintenance.

Public Comments - None

Commissioner Reports

Public Lands & Public Works Report - James Martin informed the commissioners that he has awarded Jason Boland the contract for the city's Landscape Maintenance as a result of the bidding process.

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that Arbor Day is scheduled for April 26, and is being promoted on Facebook, the newsletter and the yard signs. She has had a good response to date. Five canopy trees will be awarded via a drawing on April 15.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker informed the commissioners that the roads will be re-sealed once again this year to slow the deterioration from the cracks. She asked to be informed of any areas that may be of particular concern. She confirmed that Lyndon Police have been patrolling Shelby House, and that she will meet with them to familiarize herself with the particulars of the condominium area.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that she was following up with last month's parking violations, and hopes to resolve them soon.

New Business

Whippsmill Road Development - New proposed zoning at the corner of Whippsmill and Old Whippsmill Roads was discussed and James Martin made a motion to have city attorney Steve Porter attend the zoning meeting on March 12, for the benefit of the City of Bellemeade. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

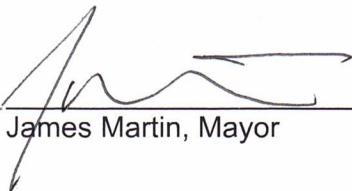
Vote on Commissioner Candidates - James Martin requested that a vote be taken to appoint a new commissioner as the candidates had been introduced during February's meeting. He recommended that Mr. Burt Deutsch be appointed to the Public Lands/Public Works role. Commissioners were in agreement, and Mayor Martin made a motion to appoint Burt Deutsch to the open commissioner position. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

City Budget Presentation - The Bellemeade Budget will be presented at the April commission meeting for first reading. City Treasurer Geri Huff requested input from the commissioners regarding their budgetary needs and suggestions. The Budget will be presented for second reading at the May meeting.

April Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, April 7, 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, April 14, 2025 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor
Trish Scott, City Clerk