

CITY OF BELLEMEADE, KENTUCKY

City Commission Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020

Commission Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore Andrew Miller
Commissioner Bob Elliott
Commissioner Susan Dorten Jarl
Commissioner James Martin
City Attorney Stephen Porter
Treasurer Geri Huff
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present:

Don Kissling
Ruby Sheridan
Judi Sikes

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Andrew Miller called the meeting to order at the Northeast Regional Library at 7:00 pm. At his request the commission and guests observed a moment of silence in memory of Mayor John W. Miller, who passed away Friday, January 10.

Approval of Minutes: Two sets of minutes were presented for approval. Minutes of November (delayed due to City Clerk's absence from that meeting) and December were presented. Commissioner James Martin moved to approve the November minutes with correction of a typo, and Commissioner Bob Elliott seconded. The November minutes, as corrected, were approved unanimously.

Commissioner Bob Elliott moved to approve the December minutes as presented, and Commissioner Susan Jarl seconded. December Minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Geri Huff presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report. It was a typically slow December with no unusual activity. Motion by Commissioner Susan Jarl to approve was seconded by Commissioner James Martin. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

General Government Report

Mayor Pro Tempore Andrew Miller discussed the process to fill the vacancy left by Mayor Miller. The replacement will finish the year and in November a vote will take place for a replacement to finish the Mayoral 4 year term. There is a 30 day deadline for Bellemeade to fill the position before the state government appoints a new mayor. It is Andrew Miller's suggestion to wait 2 weeks then hold a special meeting to allow any candidates to express their interest. Commissioner Martin is in favor of this as long as a quorum would be available for the special meeting.

New Business

Mayor Pro Tempore Andrew Miller presented "An Ordinance to Codify the Bellemeade City Ordinances" for second reading. Section 50.01 regarding Meetings has been added to the code since the first reading.

A typo was discovered in section 2 that will be corrected. Commissioner Jarl commented that changes she had made were not included in this version of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Bob Elliott moved to approve the ordinance as written, with changes to be made at a later date. Mayor Pro Tempore Miller seconded, and the motion passed with James Martin voting Nay.

After discussion about which changes should be made to section 50.01 and whether amendments would need to be made, James Martin moved to reconsider the previous motion approving the ordinance as written. Commissioner Elliott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andrew Miller then moved to amend the codification ordinance to clarify language in Section 50.03 (A) to allow leeway to discuss topics not included on the agenda. Susan Jarl seconded, and that motion passed unanimously. Part (A) was amended to include, "excepting where a unanimous vote of the commission would put this rule aside."

After discussion, a motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Miller to amend section 50.03 (B) to read "Ordinance" instead of "topic or item" was seconded by James Martin, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner James Martin moved to approve "An Ordinance to Codify the Bellemeade City Ordinances" as amended, second by Bob Elliott, and the motion passed unanimously.

The 2020 Property Tax Ordinance was presented for first reading.


Resident concerns

Residents requested that the process for filling the commission vacancy be included in the newsletter, as well as a notice to inform residents to only use blue or green painter's tape when taping signs to the street sign posts. Other types of tape damage the paint. Also requested is a notice informing residents that each of them is responsible for maintaining their easements.


Commissioner Elliott informed the residents that the ground lights had been repaired and that the hole left by the tree removal at the N. Chadwick entrance has been filled in preparation for spring planting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tempore Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Scott, City Clerk



Andrew Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore