



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020**

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Bob Elliott
Commissioner Robin Mountain
City Attorney Stephen Porter
City Treasurer Geri Huff
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

Ed Osborne
Don Carter
Sally Carter
Halle Brumleve

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the July 13 Commission Meeting were read. James Martin moved to approve as presented, second by Robin Mountain. July Meeting Minutes were approved as written unanimously.

Reports - Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report, commenting that for the first time she had to refund property taxes due to a homestead exemption. Expenses were as expected for the month of June with the exception of the insurance budget and IT budget, both of which will eventually be surpassed due to increased expenses. Geri proposed that both budgets be increased; the Insurance budget from \$1,600 to \$2,000 and the IT budget from \$500 to \$2,400. This would accommodate the increased expense, which could be easily achieved by reallocating funds from the miscellaneous budget. Geri also suggested that the City Treasurer should be responsible for creating the budget since she is aware of the anticipated income and expenses. James Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, second by Bob Elliott, and the Treasurer's report passed unanimously as presented.

James Martin made a motion to allow the Treasurer to create the city budget. After discussion with Stephen Porter, the motion was withdrawn. Geri will make changes to the budget and propose them at the next meeting.

Geri further commented that once again, interest bearing accounts paid very little with the exception of Liberty Financial. She would like to move some of the accounts to Liberty to take advantage of their interest rates. This will be discussed at the next working meeting.

Mayor's Report – James Martin reported the Milestone proposal that had been updated. The proposal included evaluation of all roads within Bellemeade city limits, and recommendations on other road related issues. They will charge a lump sum of \$3,000. Mayor Martin pointed out that the Public Works Commissioner has the authority to approve and sign the contract.

Public Works Report – Commissioner Robin Mountain reported about the sinkhole on Dorchester that has worsened and could possibly need excavation. There was discussion about the best way to mark it for safety reasons, possibly with traffic cones or fencing of some type. Commissioner Mountain could discuss with Milestone.

James Martin proposed an oral resolution to allow Robin Mountain to enter into a contract with Milestone or another contractor who is able to repair the sinkhole, as well as to enter into the written Milestone proposal to evaluate the roads. Bob Elliott seconded and the resolution was passed unanimously.

New Business – First Reading of Ordinance to Change Location of Regular Meetings. Mayor Martin presented for first reading and read an ordinance to change the location to change the regular commission meeting location to The Steel Technologies Building, 1st Floor, 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville KY 40222.

Second Reading of an Ordinance to set the Tax Rate for 2020 James Martin presented for second reading the ordinance to set the tax rate for 2020. A public hearing was announced via postcard and held prior to this Commission Meeting with no public comments. Bob Elliott moved to approve the ordinance with second by James Martin. The ordinance was approved unanimously.

Appointment of Commissioner for Vacant Public Safety Position – Sandy Carter and Ed Osborne spoke about their qualifications and desire to serve as Public Safety Commissioner. James Martin read a statement submitted by Sarah Huyck who was unable to attend the meeting. She expressed her interest in serving in either the Public Safety or the Public Events capacity. These were the only three persons who nominated themselves for the position via email and/or sign up sheet.

The commissioners were asked for comment and James Martin commented that Ed Osborne has been present at multiple past meetings and presented himself for various other commission matters.

Following public comments by the Commissioners, Bob Elliott moved to appoint Ed Osborne as Public Safety Commissioner. James Martin seconded and Ed Osborne was appointed by unanimous vote.

Appointment of Commissioner for Vacant Public Events Position – Sandy Carter and Halle Brumleve presented their experience as it applies to the Public Events Commissioner. Mayor Martin incorporated by reference the previously read statement of Sarah Huyck and indicated that Ms. Huyck wished to be appointed for the Commission position. These were the only three persons who nominated themselves for the position via email and/or signup sheet. Mayor Martin asked the Commissioners for comment and he publicly commented that Ms. Brumleve's involvement in the planning and hosting of previous block parties with her own time and money indicated her appropriateness for the position. Mayor Martin moved to appoint Halle Brumleve to the Public Events Commissioner position. Robin Mountain seconded and Halle was appointed by unanimous vote.


Yard Sale Date and Rain Date – After discussion about options to cancel the yard sale due to weather, it was decided to keep the original date and let residents decide whether to participate in the event of rain.

September Meeting Locations – After discussion, it was decided that the working meeting will be held via Zoom on 9/7, and the Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on 9/14.

Adjournment - James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor


Trish Scott, City Clerk



James Martin <jamesmartin@bellemeade-ky.gov>

Commissioner positions

1 message

Sarah Huyck <sahuyck@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 4:29 PM

To: mayor@bellemeade-ky.gov

James:

Per our phone conversation, I'd love to throw my hat in the ring for both commissioner positions. I understand that you may already have a few qualified candidates, but believe my talents could be of use to the city.

I am an attorney and have been an "official" resident of Bellemeade for the last year. My fiancée, Tyler, and I live on North Chadwick. My fiancée purchased our home in Bellemeade in 2016, and we met the following year. While I've spent a great deal of time here in the neighborhood since he and I met three years ago, I sold my home in St. Matthews and "officially" moved in last summer. We love it here, and frankly can't imagine moving in the foreseeable future!

I moved to Louisville in 2011 after graduating from UK Law in Lexington, Kentucky. I began my career working as a staff attorney to a local judge (from 2011 to late 2012), then spent about 8 years in private family law practice. I recently made the decision to return to the public sector and began my new position as a prosecutor with the Jefferson County Attorney's Office today. I presently serve on the board of St. George's Scholar Institute, a local non-profit which serves underprivileged youth. I also regularly volunteer with the Louisville Bar Association with various programs that support our local community. As a practicing attorney for the last decade, I have significant experience with running a law firm, the court system and state and local government. I pride myself on my organizational and communication skills, and believe my talents and experience make me a suitable candidate for both available positions.

If I can be of further service to the city (whether it be by serving on the commission now or in the future), please let me know. While I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting tonight, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email.

Thanks!

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Sarah Huyck
270-331-4151

Property Tax Hearing & New Commissioner Appointments

Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Steel Technologies Building

The 700 Room, 1st Floor

700 North Hurstbourne Parkway

Louisville, KY 40222

The City of Bellemeade is proposing a 2020 tax rate of 6.7 cents per \$100.00 valuation of real property. This is a proposed **decrease** in the property tax rate of 7.1 cents per \$100.00 valuation in 2019. Last year, the city received \$56,959 in real property tax revenue. In 2020, under the proposed rate, we expect to receive \$59,618 in real property tax revenue. If the city wanted to generate the exact amount of revenue as we generated last year, we would have to further lower the rate to 6.5 cents per \$100.00 valuation. The additional revenue generated by the 2020 tax rate will be used in part to increase the salaries of our city clerk and city treasurer. The purpose of the hearing will be for the public to comment on the proposed taxation. The General Assembly pursuant to KRS §132 .027 requires this public notice.

Commissioner Susan Jarl has recently announced that she is resigning from the Bellemeade Commission. Mayor Martin's appointment has also left a vacancy on the commission. These two vacancies will be filled at our commission meeting on August 10, 2020 immediately following the tax hearing. The appointed commissioners will serve until December 31, 2020. Anyone wishing to be considered for the commission should arrive before the meeting begins and sign-up to speak or contact a Commissioner in advance and present a written statement to be read at the meeting. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, a qualified voter in Bellemeade, and a current Bellemeade resident for at least one year.



City Of Bellemeade

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN IN SHEET

August 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Steel Technologies Building
The 700 Room, 1st Floor
700 North Hurstbourne Parkway
Louisville, KY 40222

Resident Name	Address	Phone	Issue or Topic to Be Discussed



City Of Bellemeade

TAX HEARING SIGN IN SHEET

August 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Steel Technologies Building
The 700 Room, 1st Floor
700 North Hurstbourne Parkway
Louisville, KY 40222

Resident Name	Address	Phone	Issue or Topic to Be Discussed
Sally CARTER	101 BELLEMEADE RD	602 660 6935	COMMENT ON TAXES

CITY OF BELLEMEADE
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 Month Ending July 2020

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RECEIPTS:

Gen. Ck	Gen. Inv.	Road	Total Mo.	Total Yr.	YTD Bud	Budget	
						2019-2020	
	238		238	238		60,920	
		21		21	37	450	
	202		202	202	228	2,750	
	0		0	0	5,395	65,000	
		1,352	1,352	1,352	1,494	18,000	
	420			420	416	5,016	
	383		383	383		0 *	
						37,000 *	
	1,041	202	1,373	2,175	2,616	7,571	189,136

Acct # DISBURSEMENTS:

Month			Total Mo	Total Yr.	YTD Bud	2020-2021
805 City Admin	Salaries	589	589	589	589	7,068
806 City Admin	Payroll Tax Expense	31	31	31	78	932
807 City Admin	Attorney	100	100	100	200	2,400
808 City Admin	PVA & Acct. Fees			0	625	7,500
809 City Admin	Miscellaneous	1674	1,674	1,674	833	10,000
810 City Admin	League of Cities			0	42	500
811 City Admin	Insurance	1496	1,496	1,496	133	1,600
813 City Admin	Newsletter	0	0	0	417	5,000
831 City Admin	IT	84	84	84	42	500
902 City Admin	Commission Education			0	250	3,000
999 City Admin	Contingency	1263	1,263	1,263	1,250	15,000 Cares*
814 Community	Events			0	192	2,300
816 Community	Miscellaneous			0	83	1,000
801 Public Lands	Mowing Contract	800	800	800	563	6,750
803 Public Lands	Irrigation-Water			0	167	2,000
829 Public Lands	Landscape Maintenance	174	174	174	250	3,000
830 Public Lands	Miscellaneous			0	83	1,000
812 Public Safety	NSAP			0	1,000	12,000
826 Public Safety	Miscellaneous			0	83	1,000
800 Public Works	Sanitation	6197	6,197	6,197	6,197	74,364
802 Public Works	Street Lights-LGE	1285	1,285	1,285	1,307	15,688
804 Public Works	Miscellaneous		0	0	83	1,000
825 Road Fund	Street and Signs		0	0	1,250	15,000 Public Works
827 Road Fund	Snow Removal		0	0	167	2,000 Public Works
824 Road Fund	Paving Contract					50,000 Public Works
		13,693	0	13,693	13,693	240,602

RECEIPTS OVER/UNDER DISB.

-12,652 202 1,373 -11,518 -11,077

TRANSFER

BEGINNING BALANCES

84,365 484,781 247,843 463,512 642,300

ENDING BALANCES

71,713 484,983 249,216 463,512 805,912

GENERAL FUND

556,696

ROAD FUND

249,216

805,912