



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting  
Minutes**

**January 11, 2021**

**Commission Members Present**

Mayor James Martin  
Commissioner Robin Mountain  
Commissioner Ben Zickel  
Commissioner Sandy Walker  
Commissioner Halle Brumleve  
City Attorney Steve Porter  
City Treasurer Geri Huff  
City Clerk Trish Scott

**Others Present**

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**Approval of Minutes** - The Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Commission Meeting were read. Commissioner Halle Brumleve moved to approve as presented, second by Robin Mountain. December Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Reports - Treasurer's Report** - Geri Huff presented the December Treasurer's Report commenting that income had increased last month due to property tax receipts. She informed the commission that Google Drive had increased its price from \$96 per month to \$120 per month. Additionally, KY insurance had sent a refund of \$38.

James Martin moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor's Report** – James Martin reported that the Investment Committee had a productive meeting prior to the Committee meeting. The Investment Committee members include Barry Blalock (208 Dorchester Rd.), Herb Scales (214 Bellemeade Rd.), Jeff Gullett (211 Holliswood Rd.), and Josh Allgeier (216 N. Chadwick Rd.).

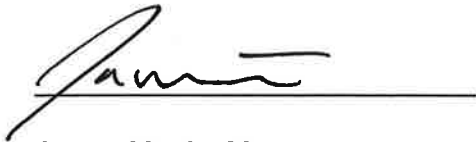
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**Adjournment -**

Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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a Zoom account subscription to enhance our virtual meetings. The current free subscription has time limitations that can be mitigated with a paid subscription. James Martin will look into that option. He will also look into obtaining laptops for the new commissioners.

Ethics Committee Chair Dianne Wolfe was in attendance, and distributed Board of Ethics forms to the commission and city employees for completion. The Ethics Committee consists of Chair Dianne Wolfe, and city residents Brian Fingerson, and Tracy Zoeller.

### **Commissioner Reports –**

*Public Lands Report* - Ben Zickel reported that Bob Elliott had provided him with a list of vendor contacts for Bellemeade. Country Squire has taken down the holiday decorations. He will follow up with Bob for Domain Names, hosting service and other items related to the City website as well as the billing processes.

*Public Events Report* - Halle Brumleve reported that she had been contacted by resident Kate Cunningham regarding an Arbor Day event. Halle asked about interest in another Arbor Day event, and discussion centered around various limitations as to how city funds can or cannot be used for such an event. Dianne Wolfe commented that funds could be used for event costs or education about trees, but not for the actual trees or planting them.

The Holiday Decorating Contest was a great success with 19 houses participating. Halley sent the \$25 prizes via Venmo to the winner and honorable mentions.

There was discussion about the snowman contest and how best to engage the community in various community building activities. Various contests and events were discussed as well as reaching out via the city Facebook page, Zoom meetings, or other media.

*Public Safety Report* - Robin Mountain commented that he was pleased with the police officer's presence in the neighborhood. He would like to see items in the newsletter encouraging residents to lock doors, keep valuables out of cars, or out of sight, and generally be more aware of security measures. He requested that anyone text him with any issues that they are concerned about. There was discussion about the effectiveness of marked versus unmarked police cars.

*Public Works Report* - Sandy Walker informed the committee that she was monitoring the weather reports to stay abreast of snow accumulations of 3 inches or more. James Martin commented that it was her decision as Public Works Commissioner when to treat or plow the streets.

### **New Business –**

*2021 Commissioner Roles* - James Martin presented a Resolution assigning the newly elected Commissioner roles. James moved to adopt the resolution and Ben Zickel seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

*Canopy Tree Concerns* - Mayor Martin suggested a tree ordinance of some kind to encourage planting of canopy trees. Various options were discussed with no resolution at this time. This item was tabled and will be discussed at a later date as interest is determined.

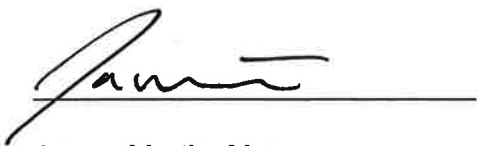
Robin Mountain presented for consideration his question of what we can do as a community to keep resident's dogs safe and contained. No recommendations resulted after discussion.

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