



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting
Minutes**

March 8, 2021

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

Bob Elliott

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 February 8, 2020 Commission Meeting were read. Commissioner Mountain moved to approve as presented, second by Ben Zickel. February Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Reports - Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the February Treasurer's Report commenting that the IT budget increased as she had reallocated web hosting and other internet costs to that category. Security costs have not been billed yet so show as zero this month. The March budget will reflect the correct amount.

Mayor Martin asked whether the city was exceeding the budget at this point. Geri informed that we are not, and that she will address the budget concerns in April's meeting.

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

Mayor's Report – James Martin reported that the Investment Committee met for the third and final time and had developed a recommendation for the commission. They recommend that 60% of city funds be invested in money market accounts, and 40% in Electronically Traded Funds (ETFs) that contain a stop-loss feature. Their recommendation will be presented at the next commission meeting.

Mayor Martin received a request from a resident for a review to install speed humps on Wood Road. James and Robin will research how to poll residents. In order to move forward with such a project, 70% of property owners would need to support it.

Mayor Martin reminded commissioners about public meeting criteria - 3 or more commissioners discussing city business constitutes a public meeting and must be avoided. City Attorney Steve Porter discussed various rules about how commissioners can discuss business outside of scheduled meetings without violating the public meeting rule.

Commissioner Reports

Public Works Report - Sandy Walker reported on the contract with Milestone to provide the city with advice to maintain our roads. She spoke with Mark Madison and has cancelled our contract. She reported that the cancelation was amicable and Mark admitted that while they did do a review of our roads, no report was ever produced for us. We now need to start over to find a vendor for this project. Commissioner Walker is waiting to hear back from Hull Contracting about painting the speed humps, and while they might provide some guidance with the rest of our road maintenance, they would likely subcontract. She commented that she prefers to deal directly with a vendor. City Attorney Porter mentioned that he has good experience with Kevin Young of Land Design & Development, a company in Lyndon. Sandy will keep looking and include them in her search.

Regarding the snow removal service of this past winter, Sandy was not satisfied with the service we received. The vendor's response was slow and the bill seemed quite high in relation to the amount of salt stated on the invoice. She will work to negotiate a lower bill and will be using a different vendor in the future.

Public Events Report - Arbor Day Event - Halle Brumleve reported that ten people were interested in obtaining trees, but only 8 are responding to follow up emails. The event will be scheduled for May 2 and publicized via the newsletter, and yard signs.

Public Safety Report - Commissioner Robin Mountain commented that we need to remind residents to keep trash and yard waste cans off the streets. They need to be kept in residents' yards or driveways to keep streets clear for all the extra summer traffic of pedestrians and bikes. He requested that a reminder be included in the newsletter.

Public Lands Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel expressed his concern about keeping within his budget with some unplanned costs that were incurred earlier in the year including removal of a tree and repair of a damaged sprinkler head. The budget will need to go through June, and estimates from Ron for common area maintenance are a concern. James Martin suggested that he talk directly with Ron to work out costs and timing. City Treasurer Geri Huff reported that she has split the various costs for mowing, landscaping, and irrigation which should help with budgeting. She will provide Ben with copies of the bills so they can discuss the best way to apply costs. Geri will provide a draft of the budget at our next working meeting.

Newsletter Request - The City Clerk reminded commissioners to send her items for the newsletter. Sandy Walker asked if we should be promoting the FaceBook page in the newsletter. The consensus from the commissioners was not to promote the FaceBook page, because it is an open public forum, not an official city-maintained source of information. Discussion followed about whether the Neighborhood Watch Facebook page should be deleted and combined with the Bellemeade Forum page. Further discussion will take place as the administrators of the various pages need to be streamlined.

New Business –

Second Reading of Ordinance to Increase Public Events Budget by \$1,000 from savings - James Martin presented the second reading of the Ordinance to Increase the Public Events budget. James

moved to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Brumleve seconded, and the ordinance was unanimously approved.

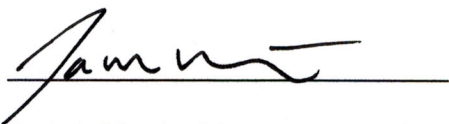
Discussion of Changing Commissioner's Roles - Discussion was tabled at this time.

April Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on 4/5/2021 and the Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on 4/12/2021 at 7 PM.

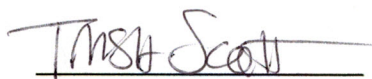
Adjournment -

Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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James Martin, Mayor

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Trish Scott, City Clerk