



## City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

### Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin  
Commissioner Halle Brumleve  
Commissioner Sandy Walker  
Commissioner Ben Zickel  
City Attorney Stephen Porter  
City Treasurer Geri Huff, via Zoom  
City Clerk Trish Scott

### Others Present

None

**Call to Order** - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

**Approval of Minutes** - The December 12, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Ben Zickel moved to approve minutes as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### Reports

*Treasurer's Report* - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. The city taxes resulted in higher income this month. Expenses were as expected, with the exception of Public Safety which has one outstanding invoice that requires approval for payment. The investment account experienced an increase this past month.

There was discussion regarding the accounting for the savings realized due to the influx of CARES act funds. Geri will present an itemized accounting at the next commission meeting.

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 he contacted Hatfield Media regarding website hosting, and will further discuss with them their capabilities for updating and simplifying the city's online presence. James is also working on the Code of Ordinances to ensure that it is up to date and correct.

### Commissioner Reports

*Public Events Report* - Commissioner Halle Brumleve reported that she paid \$25 to the winner of the Holiday House competition, and had signs made to post in the yards of the winner and honorable mentions. They will be published in the January newsletter, and also announced on the Bellemeade Forum page on Facebook.

*Public Lands Report* - Ben Zickel reported he has put in a request to LG&E for a street light that is out. Other than that, it has been a quiet month for Public Lands.

*Public Works Report* - Sandy Walker discussed the extra trash can charges from Rumpke to residents that request an extra can. She proposed that we could discuss with Rumpke offering the extra trash cans for a discounted rate.

Commissioner Walker also reported that she read on the Lyndon website that they are getting good results with their leaf removal program. Perhaps we can contract with the same company or at least look into costs for leaf vacuuming in Bellemeade.

*Public Safety Report* - Sandy Walker reported she had seen on a crime report a car theft on Bellemeade Road, but no details had been reported elsewhere. She brought up whether the Reach Alert system might be of interest to the community. That program has been implemented in the past and did not seem to make a big impact for the cost. We can currently use the mailchimp system with similar success.

She reported that regarding Kentucky Law Enforcement, the same service issues continue. Our contract calls for 30 days notice to terminate KLE. Sandy has spoken with a Lyndon ~~official~~, <sup>POLICE CHIEF</sup> Mr. Throneberry, regarding their police services. In order for Bellemeade to utilize the Lyndon Police, he must submit a request to the Lyndon Commission for their approval. A "cooperation contract" agreement would also be required.

Lyndon police cars are equipped with GPS that would track their patrols in Bellemeade automatically after a "geofence" perimeter is set up at the entrances. They offer various levels of service and reporting as well, and are capable of handling some specific one-off requests, such as resident vacation patrols.

Sandy has drafted a letter of termination to KLE and asked the commissioners for their opinions on whether to submit the letter now, or possibly decrease our patrols until an agreement is secured with Lyndon PD. Discussion centered on the various benefits of submitting the letter now or later considering the costs involved and possible lack of coverage in between contracts. City Attorney Steve Porter informed the commissioners that he knows the Lyndon City Attorney and can facilitate the cooperation agreement.

**Public Comments** - None

**New Business** - Mayor Martin reported that all commissioners had been sworn in by 1/1/2023, with the exception of Robin Mountain, resulting in an open commissioner position, as well as an opportunity to change the existing divisions of roles. The commission will appoint a new commissioner at the February meeting. Commissioner roles will need to be changed via ordinance. In the interim, the commissioners agreed to the following roles:

Halle Brumleve - Public Events  
Ben Zickel - Public Lands  
Sandy Walker - Public Works and temporarily Public Safety

Discussion of new commissioner roles delineated the following areas of responsibility:

Code Enforcement  
Safety and Roads  
Public Lands and Street Signs  
Public Events

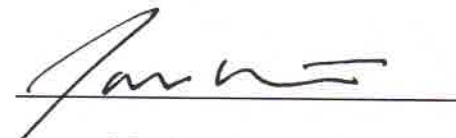
Mayor James Martin presented for first reading an Ordinance outlining the new Commissioner responsibilities. Stephen Porter suggested modifying the language on the ordinance to facilitate changes in the roles going forward. With proper wording, the Mayor can simply appoint various roles via a resolution instead of enacting an ordinance. James will make changes for the second reading.

James Martin made a motion to appoint Ben Zickel as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

*February Meeting Locations* - The next working meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 6, 2023. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7 PM.


**Adjournment** - Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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James Martin, Mayor



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Trish Scott, City Clerk