



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

None

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The April 10, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Commissioner Walker requested that the minutes be amended in the Public Safety & Roads Report. She suggested that the word "have" should be replaced with "consider having." After discussion, Mayor Martin made a motion to approve minutes with the amendment. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The amendment was made manually.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. She commented that no out of the ordinary expenses were incurred. She is collecting late taxes at this time. Payroll tax expense is now being applied, and will be addressed during the budget discussion. She has added the CARES Act items on the back side of the Treasurer's Report for clarity. Commissioner Zickel moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report - James Martin presented the commission with his report for the month. The working meeting for May was not held due to Mayor Martin's absence.

SAM Registration will be completed by City Clerk Trish Scott.

The Project and Expenditure Report was completed and has been submitted.

The Code of Ordinances is being reviewed by Clerk Trish Scott to ensure that all current ordinances are included and up to date.

City Budget Ordinance - The First Reading of the Budget Ordinance at this May meeting will include discussion regarding possible changes to the tax rate. The commissioners will present their area's expenses and any changes.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Halle Brumleve reported that of the 5 winners for the Arbor Day tree giveaway, one winner had to forfeit their tree due to a problem with the planting location. Another name was drawn from the original entries to receive the tree. The event was well attended and Tree Reimbursement Ordinance information was handed out to attendees.

There was discussion about other options to provide trees to residents at a discount, or for free using the budgeted funds. Commissioner Brumleve also suggested that conservation be promoted for overgrown canopy trees, such as trimming limbs instead of removing the whole tree.

May 21st Block Party is on schedule and was announced in the April newsletter along with the August 19th yard sale. Both events will be further promoted on the community FaceBook page and with flyers in the yard signs as the dates draw near.

Yard Sale signs and No Parking signs were discussed in regard to placement and usage during the City Wide Yard Sale and other city events such as the Halloween Parade. Ben Zickel commented that placing such signs throughout the neighborhood on a short term basis for city events was not a problem.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Ben Zickel reported that one person had applied for tree reimbursement in late April. Paine Electric has repaired the lighting at the Moorgate entrance. Additionally Mike's Lawn Care service has begun maintenance of the common areas and is doing a good job.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported regarding the Interlocal Agreement for police patrols. The geo fence has already been established around Bellemeade. She will follow up about the signed agreement. Mayor Martin informed he had received a signed agreement from Lyndon's attorney, but it was still in the process of being approved by the Department of Local Governments. He will provide a copy to Commissioner Walker.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel informed the commission that she has spoken to the resident regarding the fallen tree at 102 Southampton. The tree has been removed. Commissioner Oppel asked if there was a template or other standardized form to address code violations. At this time there is not, and she will investigate options to put a process in place. She informed the commission that she is working on a proposal for uniform canvassing of the entire city for code violations.

Public Comments - None

New Business - 2023-2024 City Budget Ordinance - First Reading

Mayor Martin presented the 2023-2024 City Budget Ordinance for first reading. City Treasurer Geri Huff reviewed her proposed changes including increased expenditures for PVA and Salary and Payroll taxes as well as Police Patrols. She also suggested a decrease in the newsletter budget. Discussion centered around whether it was best to keep budget items the same rather than reduce them, to ensure we continue to have a surplus of funds.

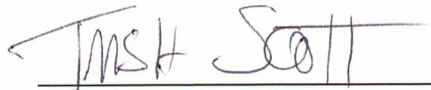
Various adjustments to the proposed budget were discussed, including continuing to reimburse commissioner education expenses, and increasing Police expenses and beautification budget amounts. A discretionary budget of \$1,000 was added to the Code Enforcement category. The Arbor Day and Tree Reimbursement costs should be taken from the increased beautification budget rather than the Events category. It is hoped that the tax assessment can be kept at the current rate of 6.6%.

June Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, June 5, 2023. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk

