



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023**

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

Becki Parsons
Boyd Parsons

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The June 12, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Halle Brumleve moved to approve the minutes as presented. Sandy Walker seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. She commented that this month's numbers represent the fiscal year end. Mowing and beautification expenses were higher than anticipated due to three tree reimbursement requests. Geri updated the CARES Act category for police patrols to reflect "Security". The investment account was up this month as well, at \$197,357.

Geri informed the commission that the PVA Valuation will bring \$72,515 in tax revenue which would not require a public hearing. The commissioners discussed whether increasing the tax rate was necessary considering there is a surplus in the budget at this time. Sandy Walker commented that the Road Fund was a concern since that cost will likely increase over time. Geri will update the report next month to show where we would be without the CARES funds.

Mayor Martin asked if any commissioners felt strongly about either raising or lowering the tax rate. With some expected increased costs such as mailing the tax bills, and a new Rumpke contract, it was decided that we should not lower the rate. It was decided to utilize the current rate for fiscal year 2023-2024..

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin informed the commission that he received a call from the manager of Los Arboles condominium association, asking about the services they are getting for their Bellemeade taxes. They are considering new street lights. The city's police services were discussed including a desire that our contracted police service could deter speeding and/or loud vehicles occurring late in the evening on Shelbyville Road. Mayor Martin commented that they had a positive discussion and we will work to address their concerns.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the August 19 city wide yard sale will have three food trucks in attendance this year. They will be set up near the intersection of Bellemeade and Charing Cross, at Dorchester and Blaine and another location to be determined. We have ordered "No Parking" signs to be placed on the main roads (Bellemeade, Charing Cross, Dorchester and Blaine) to limit parking to one side of the street.

She has spoken to her tree contractor, Robert Woodford, about getting trees on sale and he informed her that while they don't really have sales, he will get back to her with pricing.

Halle requested that the newsletter include information on how residents can inform Lyndon Police when they are going on vacation. There is an online form and phone number to let them know so they can be aware while on their patrols.

Additionally we will be requesting additional patrols the night before the yard sale.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Ben Zickel reported that entrances have been cleaned up and he had received and accepted a quote to have the dead tree removed. Additionally they will try to straighten the other trees that are leaning at the Bellemeade Road entrance. Commissioner Zickel is investigating that entrance's electric service also, as it needs repair.

Commissioner Oppel commented that certain residents have trees that are hanging low over some streets. Those trees must be maintained to keep them from impeding traffic, especially during rains. She suggested this could be mentioned in the newsletter.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported that Lyndon Police are aware of and working on a couple of issues, and all is well with their patrols.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that she has been unable to determine the source of the letter received by a resident informing them of a possible fine if they did not improve the appearance of their property by painting their house. She has received a letter from an insurance adjuster regarding certain permits, but it does not apply to our situation. She is currently working on a proposal for group canvassing for code enforcement.

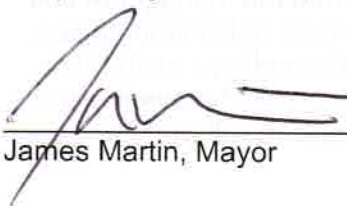
Public Comments - None

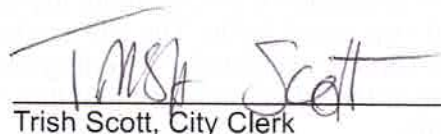
New Business - Mayor Martin presented the Property Tax Ordinance for First Reading.

August Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be held at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, August 7, 2023. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor


Trish Scott, City Clerk