

## City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes September 11, 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 Judy Sikes

**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 August 14, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were read. Cindy Oppel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## Reports

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. Expenses this month were as expected. The PO Box fee added to the miscellaneous category. Sanitation costs are hitting our budget now as the CARES Act funds have been drawn down. Jame Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sandy Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that he will be updating the website soon.

## **Commissioner Reports**

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve confirmed that the city wide yard sale was a great success. One food truck did not attend due to trouble finding a suitable location. Cindy Oppel suggested that a breakfast truck might be a good option for next year, as that would come at an earlier time.

Halle Brumleve commented that the Halloween Parade date coincided with a Louisville vs. Duke game.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Ben Zickel had no major updates for the commission. The trees at the Bellemeade entrance will likely be staked until next year. Commissioner Brumleve informed Ben that the corner at Charing Cross & Whipps Mill is dark and there is an overgrown shrub there as well.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker discussed resident Scott Simpson's Facebook comment that he was concerned that his political signs are causing beer bottles to be thrown in his yard in retaliation. Further discussion on the forum has resolved the issue at this point.

It was noted that the military truck on Charing Cross has a farm license. Sandy commented that the best way to report any code violations is to contact Metro Louisville. She suggested that be included in the Newsletter and on the city website.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported that she had sent her Code Enforcement Canvassing Process draft to the commissioners but has not received any response. She has been handling complaints via email responses. The large truck on Charing Cross continues to be a concern.

Public Comments - Resident Judy Sikes had a number of items for the commission.

She expressed concern about the large truck and other vehicles parked on the street on Charing Cross. There is a metro ordinance prohibiting heavy trucks in residential areas.

Ms. Sikes suggested that ordinances could be highlighted in the newsletter, as many residents may not be aware that Bellemeade falls under Louisville Metro's ordinances, or that they may be in violation of a specific ordinance.

She also requested that speed bump signs be updated to match the other Bellemeade street signage.

She suggested that the website photos be updated to include both Bellemeade and Moorgate entrances. She inquired about the trees at the Bellemeade entrance. Ben Zickel informed her that the tie outs would likely be used for another year or so and the tree will be replaced at the appropriate time for planting.

Judy also asked about fireworks in the neighborhood, and asked what the rules are. Metro rules dictate that only fireworks that do not leave the ground are legal and acceptable. Discussion ensued about the frequency of fireworks in the neighborhood both during 4th of July and on New Years.

New Business - No new business.

October Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, October 2, 2023. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk