

CITY OF Belle Meade TENNESSEE

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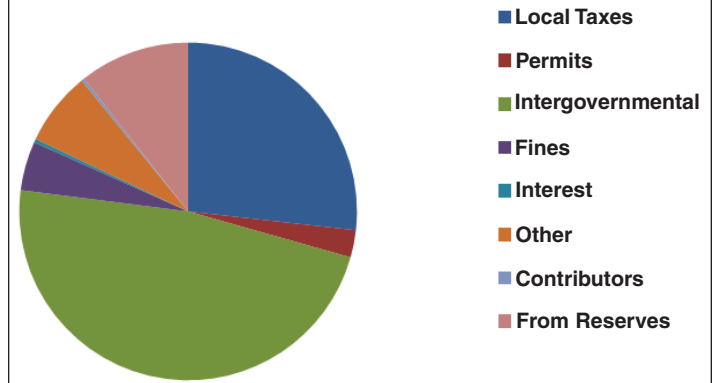
NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

July 2011

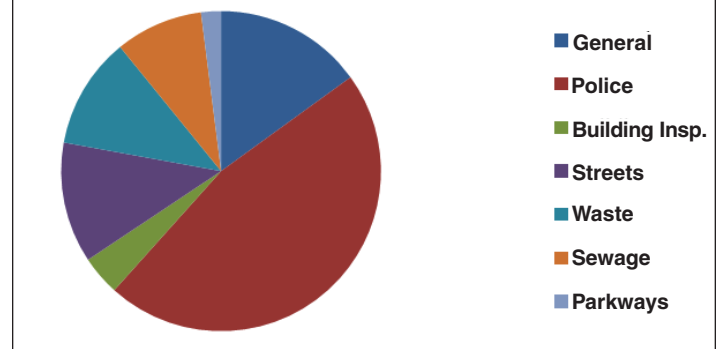
CITY OF BELLE MEADE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2011-2012

	GENERAL FUND	BEAUTIFUL-CATION FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	STREET AID FUND	WASTE COLLECT FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES						
General	537,814	0	0	0	0	
Police	1,668,230	0	0	0	0	
Building Insp.	143,572	0	0	0	0	
Streets	437,104	0	0	73,890	0	
Waste	0	0	0	0	403,092	
Sewage	316,937	0	0	0	0	
Parkways	72,090	59,700	0	0	0	
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers	403,092	0	0	0	403,092	
Totals:	3,578,839	59,700		73,890		3,712,429
(Funds transfer from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund and Waste Collection Fund)						
REVENUES						
Local Taxes	958,390	0	0	0	0	
Permits	93,375	0	0	0	0	
Intergovernmental	1,704,694	0	0	77,674	0	
Fines	168,000	0	0	0	0	
Interest	12,500	40	0	5	0	
Other	252,958	0	0	0	0	
Contributions	10,000	42,000	0	0	0	
From Reserves	379,000	17,660	0	0	0	
Transfers	(403,092)	0	0	0	(403,092)	
Totals:	3,578,917	59,700		77,679		3,716,296

GENERAL FUND - REVENUES



GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES



The Board of Commissioners adopted the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget on June 28th, after several months of review and discussions with city staff and members of the Budget & Finance Committee. The Commissioners and city staff use a conservative approach when projecting the city's revenue and expenditures. Total revenues have seen a decline over the past several years, mainly because of the economic impact on Hall Income Taxes. Sales tax and other state shared revenues as well as permit fees and fines have seen little change in annual growth. These factors combined with the increasing cost of providing city services have resulted in a budget deficit for the third year in a row. These budget deficits continue to reduce the city's reserve funds.

The accompanying revenue and expenditure pie charts correspond to the General Fund budget numbers presented here. Approximately 80% of Belle Meade's revenue is derived from various taxes paid by our citizens, including state income, sales, mixed drink/beer, gas and local property taxes. However, there is a common misconception that Belle Meade's property

tax creates most of our revenue. In reality, Belle Meade's share of the State of Tennessee's Hall Income tax is responsible for nearly 45% of all revenue while our property tax provides only about 30% of our revenue.

The amount of our annual Hall Income tax receipts is very unpredictable. It is based upon income from dividends, interest and capital gains which can fluctuate significantly from year to year. This tax also can become a political issue as well as a State financial budget issue. Loss of or continued decline in the Hall tax revenues to Belle Meade will certainly mean consideration of a future property tax increase and/or reduction in city services.

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One step already taken towards fiscal responsibility was changing the Trash and Recycle Collection contract to once a week pickup, which saves the city approximately \$165,000 per year. Previously, waste collection was the second highest expenditure in the city's budget at almost six hundred thousand dollars. The Streets Department expenditures include the costs for annual creek debris removal maintenance and snow removal. The past two years have seen unprecedented costs for snow and ice removal, and we have budgeted for a similar expense this year. The General or Administrative Department

includes costs for city buildings and offices, including maintenance, insurance, utilities, office supplies and equipment as well as the costs professional services. No capital improvement projects have been budgeted for 2011-2012. Capital budget items for Vehicle, Equipment & Sewer System include the replacement of a 1996 Codes vehicle, 2005 Administrative vehicle, and (4) 2007 police vehicles; software upgrades; replacement of 13-year-old police radio dispatch system; purchase of used forklift; and sewer manhole rehabilitation.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the June 15 regular meeting:

- Approved the request to purchase of a video surveillance system for City Hall from Duncan Security Systems, who had the low bid of \$2,200.
- Deferred the appointment of a new member to the Municipal Planning Commission for one month.
- Approved the request to purchase document imaging software from Local Government Corp/ImageEase, who had the low bid of \$6,093.50. An additional module which will interface with the accounting and court software was also approved for an additional \$1,615.
- Deferred on second reading, Ordinance 2011-1, amending Title 12-202(c) of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to adopt the 2006 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code.
- Deferred on second reading, Ordinance 2011-2, amending Title 12, Chapter 1 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code
- Ordinance 2011-3, amending Title 15-126 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code regarding baby carriages, strollers, and bicycle-drawn carts on Belle Meade Boulevard failed due to lack of a motion.
- Passed on second reading, Ordinance 2011-4, fix the tax rate for the City of Belle Meade for the fiscal year 2011-2012 (at \$.229 per \$100 of assessed value).
- Deferred on second reading, Ordinance 2011-5, appropriate funds for the conduct of the functions of the City of Belle Meade for fiscal year 2011-2012.
- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2011-6, Amend Title 11 of the Belle Meade code to set the fines assessed for driving improvement school.
- Passed Resolution 2011-02, establishing a fee to be charged by the City of Belle Meade for fingerprinting for application purposes performed by the City of Belle Meade Police Department (the City reserves the right to waive this fee for its residents).
- Deferred Resolution 2011-03, amending Ordinance 2010-4, budget appropriations.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the June 28 special meeting:

- Approved Ordinance 2011-5 on second reading; Budget Appropriations for fiscal year 2011-2012.
- Approved Ordinance 2011-7 on first reading; Deleting Section 15-125 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code regarding baby strollers.
- Approved Resolution 2011-03; Budget Amendments for fiscal year 2010-2011.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the July 8 special meeting:

- Awarded the Creek Debris Cleaning Maintenance Project to J.R. & Associates, who had the lowest bid for combined labor, equipment and materials unit pricing.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2011

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT
CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 16th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 16th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

UPDATES - TRASH & RECYCLE COLLECTION CONTRACT



SOURCES FOR WHITE/CLEAR/BLUE TRASH BAGS!

- **Hart Hardware – Belle Meade location**, carries 39-gallon WHITE bags, 100/box or 40/box, and 30-gallon WHITE bags with drawstring, 28/box. They also have 39-gallon BLUE bags if you are interested in participating in the food waste composting option.
- **Harris Teeter – Belle Meade location**, (behind the old theatre), carries 39-gallon CLEAR bags, under the brand name “Your Home”. They are listed as lawn/leaf bags, but can be used for trash disposal.
- **Costco** carries BLUE bags that can be used for food waste.

There are many on-line sources for white, clear or colored trash bags. Here are some:

- www.uline.com/BL_6751/Industrial-Trash-Liners (Clear bags up to 96 gallon capacity)

- www.trashbagdepot.com (Item # PITT:WS40SW – 33 gal. Mighty Tough White Trash Bags)
- www.plasticplace.net/productlist/Garbage-Bags—White-/55 (up to 55 gallon capacity)
- www.napsopolybag.com/category.asp?category=liners (at website, select “trash liners” from left menu. They have clear bags – all sizes)
- www.webrestaurantstore.com (at website, select “janitorial supplies”, then “trash can liners”; look for white, 33 gal., 8 mil., low density can liners.)
- www.grainger.com (at website, select “cleaning”, then “trash bags and liners”)
- **NEED WHITE TRASH COMPACTOR BAGS?**
Go to www.trash-compactors.com

TRASH & RECYCLE FAQ'S

- PDQ will pick up trash in any color bag, EXCEPT BLACK! White is preferred, but if you can locate your favorite size bag in clear, silver, green, brown, etc., then go ahead and bag your trash in it and PDQ will get it. Even if you opt out of recycling, you must bag your trash in a white or other color bag.
- All bags (trash & recycle) should be tied shut before pickup day.
- There is a 50-pound weight limit on all bags. PDQ's tip: If you have a lot of newspapers and magazines to recycle, stagger their disposal so that they are not all in one bag on your pickup day.
- All containers, trash and recycle, must have tight-fitting lids. PDQ requires this to keep the rain out – which makes the containers heavier to lift and a big mess when emptying.
- PDQ will not pick up trash/recycle that is on top of containers or on the ground, except cardboard. Everything must be inside a container. A maximum of 3 trash containers per household is allowed. There is no limit on the number of recycle containers you may have. Extra recycle containers can be purchased from the City for \$18.50 each.
- Optional – if you need a second pick up day each week, you must contact PDQ Disposal at 254-6666. The charge is \$25/month and PDQ bills quarterly.
- Small plastic bags from grocery stores are not recyclable. They should be disposed of in the trash or can be used as small trash bags. (Some grocery stores do recycle them).
- All aerosol cans are recyclable; however they must be empty of their contents.
- Soiled or wet paper products are considered trash, unless they are soiled from food use and then you have the option to recycle them in a blue bag.
- PDQ is promoting responsible recycling. The black plastic bags used to line the recycle container will NOT go to the landfill – they will recycle them.
- Cardboard—large shipping boxes or other cardboard boxes that are too big to fit in the recycle container should be flattened and placed next to the container. Small cardboard items (cereal boxes, cookie/cracker boxes, sandwich bag boxes, etc.) can be flattened and co-mingled inside the recycle container.
- Questions? Go to <http://www.pdqdisposal.com/bellemeade> or call City Hall, 297-6041.



FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The annual Creek Debris Removal Maintenance project is underway. The contractor, J. R. & Associates, began work on July 11th and will continue working at the following sites over the next several weeks. This annual project is one of the Best Management Practices listed in the City's Stormwater Permit with the State of Tennessee. Annual creek debris removal greatly reduces flash flooding on private properties in the City.

Creek Debris Removal Maintenance Contract

List in order of priority for the fiscal year 2011 – 2012

1. Richland Creek upstream and downstream of Evelyn Avenue (downed tree removal only)
2. Richland Creek downstream of Clarendon Avenue (downed tree removal only)
3. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Belle Meade Blvd.
4. Richland Creek culvert under Belle Meade Blvd.
5. Richland Creek culvert under Chancery Lane
6. 407 Westview Avenue following the tributary to Richland Creek ending up behind St. George's Church.
7. Unnamed tributary to Richland Creek upstream of Belle Meade Blvd. near Honeywood Drive (tree debris removal)
8. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Forsythe near Drew Place (mainly upstream center pier debris removal)
9. Richland Creek at Temple driveway (tree debris removal immediately upstream and downstream only)
10. Unnamed tributary to Richland Creek at culvert inlet upstream of Belle Meade Blvd. at Iroquois Ave. (behind 700 Belle Meade Blvd.)
11. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Westview Avenue
12. Belle Meade Branch culvert under Lynnwood Blvd.

FROM POLICE CHIEF TIM EADS

I hope everyone is having a great and safe summer. We are still having an occasional and random car burglary, so please continue to secure your vehicle and keep valuables out of plain sight or secured in your home. Always report suspicious activity immediately to the Belle Meade Police Department at 615-297-0241. (Please put this phone number in your speed dial!)

Our new video surveillance system is up and running at City Hall. This system will help us provide a more secure environment for the good folks that serve the City of Belle Meade. Not only is City Hall more secure, so is the dumpster convenience site behind City Hall. This should deter the illegal dumping that goes on at this site. When using the site please review the signs listing the items that are not allowed in the dumpsters. When the gates are locked do not throw trash over the gate. This is a violation of our ordinances and could result in the prosecution of those caught. PDQ will not pick up trash that is on the ground, and it becomes a city expense to have it removed. Remember, the system is monitored in real-time 24/7 by our Communications staff so the chances of being caught are very good!

THANK YOU to all that have signed up for our Neighborhood Watch Program. We currently have six (6) neighborhood groups that are active and we are very excited about this partnership. If you have questions or wanted to get involved please contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Officer Dee Howell, Wednesday thru Sunday after 2:00 p.m. at 615-297-0241. You can also give me a call as well.

Be Safe, Chief Tim Eads



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED