

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE

NOVEMBER 16, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade convened at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor Gray Thornburg, Vice Mayor James Hunt, Commissioner Cathy Altenbern, Commissioner Ed Freeman, Commissioner Steve Rick, City Manager/Treasurer Beth Reardon, City Recorder Linda Berner, Police Chief Tim Eads, Public Works Director George Bartlett, Building Inspector Phil Buma, and City Attorney Bob Patterson. Also present was a newspaper reporter.

Before the meeting started, everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Vice Mayor Hunt.

Mayor Thornburg presided over and called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the public hearing and the Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. No one requested recognition and, accordingly, Mayor Thornburg closed the public hearing.

Mayor Thornburg asked for consideration of the minutes for the October 19, 2011 regular meeting. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the minutes as amended by Commissioner Rick and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the

approval was unanimous. Mayor Thornburg then asked for consideration of the minutes from the special meeting held on October 25, 2011. Commissioner Rick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his October 2011 Public Works report, which was reviewed. Commissioner Freeman asked when NES would be in the City for tree trimming and Mr. Bartlett answered they have been in the City for two weeks, marking and cutting. Mr. Bartlett had nothing further to add to his report, and there were no further questions for him at this time.

The next item of business was the request to extend the street maintenance contract. The City's current contract with Gibbs Brothers Construction expires on December 31, 2011. The original two-year contract included an option to extend services for two additional one-year periods. This will be the second and final extension. Mrs. Reardon and Mr. Bartlett recommend the one year extension, and the vice president of the company will honor the current contract pricing for this service. Commissioner Rick made the motion to approve the contract extension and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The Mayor recognized Chief Eads for the October Public Safety reports, which were distributed to the Commissioners prior to the

meeting. It was noted there were 373 traffic citations issued, 6 traffic crashes, 4 arrests (two DUIs and 2 suspended drivers license), 53 alarm calls, two burglaries, 8 incidents reports filed, 1 theft reports filed, and 27869 patrol miles logged. Chief Eads offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Freeman asked why roller blades are not allowed in the city. Chief answered that most cities that allow roller blades have sidewalks, and explained what he knew of the state laws. He offered to do more research if required. There were no further questions for Chief Eads at this time.

The next item of business was the update on the patrol vehicle purchases. Chief Eads has decided, after much research and consideration, to recommend the purchase of the Volkswagen Passat TDI. Three high-mileage 2007 Dodge Chargers will be replaced by the Passats for use as marked patrol vehicles, purchased from the State of Tennessee vehicle contract, currently held by Harper Dealerships of Knoxville. The total for all three vehicles will be \$79,866. Commissioner Altenbern made the motion to approve the Passat purchase and Commissioner Rick seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for the Health and Sanitation report, which was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartlett noted that Mr. Larry Smith had added a "repeat service request" column to his report. Mr. Bartlett had nothing further to

add to his report, and there were no questions for him at this time.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Buma for his October 2011 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. It was noted that 15 permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$3,186,426.50, 35 permits were closed out during the month, three grading/soil disturbance permit issued and none closed out, and zero stormwater complaint reports filed. The Commissioners inquired about the health of Mr. Franklin and were told he was doing well and should be back December 1st.

Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters to report for Waste Collection, Beautification/Landscape, or City Communications.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her October 2011 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Reardon offered to answer any questions. Vice Mayor Hunt asked if the property tax collection was through the end of October and if they took the discount. Mrs. Reardon answered yes but a lot of the discounts were taken by the mortgage companies. She said property taxes were about 40% collected.

After discussion and on motion made by Mayor Thornburg and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunt, the following invoices in excess of \$2,500.00 were approved for payment:

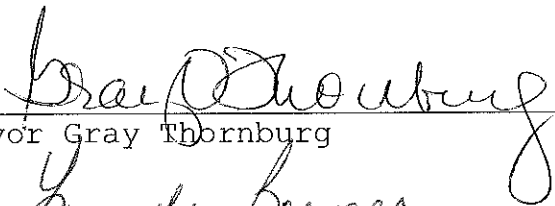
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	\$ 3,175.00
Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.	\$ 2,994.50
LSI Landscape Services	\$ 2,800.00

TML Pool	\$ 5,598.00
Wascon	\$ 5,254.04
Crosslin & Associates	\$12,000.00

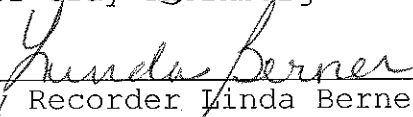
Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters to report for Facilities, Personnel, or Legislation.

The last item of business was the announcement of the Annual Holiday Luncheon to be held Thursday, December 15th at noon at City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 4:20p until the next meeting on Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 at 4:00pm.



Mayor Gray Thornburg



City Recorder Linda Berner