

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

APRIL 15, 2009

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, April 15, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor Gray Thornburg, Vice Mayor James Hunt, Commissioner Cathy Altenbern, Commissioner Tom Corcoran, Commissioner George Crook, City Manager and Treasurer Beth Reardon, City Recorder Linda Berner, City Building Official Terry Franklin, Public Works Superintendent George Bartlett, Police Chief Tim Eads, Police Lieutenant Vince Higgins, and City Attorney Bob Patterson.

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 of the regular Commissioners' meeting held March 25, 2009. Commissioner Crook moved for approval of the minutes and

Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his March 2009 Public Works report, which was reviewed. Mr. Bartlett asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

The Mayor recognized Chief Eads for his monthly Public Safety report, which was distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. The Chief asked if there were any questions related to the monthly report and there were none. It was noted there were 337 traffic citations, five traffic crashes (one resulted in personal injury), seven arrests, 56 alarm calls, one burglary, and ten incident reports filed.

The next item of business was the request for approval of grant purchase items for the police department. The Mayor stated the \$5000 grant from the Governors Highway Safety Office was applied for and received last fall. It is for the purchase of radar and computer equipment. Chief Eads stated they purchased the radars last month and this request is for the purchase of a laptop and a projector. The Chief recommends the purchase of the laptop and projector from CDW-G, a well known internet company that serves government contracts, for \$1,082.05, and the software from Royal Discounts for \$187.86. Commissioner Altenbern made the motion to approve the request

and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Chief Eads then informed the Board of the Annual Child Safety Fair and Bike Rodeo, which will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am until 2:00pm. St. George's Episcopal Church is co-sponsoring the event this year. Among the activities will be car seat instruction/installation, child fingerprinting and DNA, and bike safety courses/inspection.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for the Health and Sanitation report, which was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartlett stated a pump in one of the odor tanks had to be replaced recently. Commissioner Crook asked how much these pumps cost and Mr. Bartlett answered \$900. Mr. Bartlett asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Franklin for his March 2009 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. It was noted that eleven permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$775,580.00 and six permits were closed out during the month. There were no questions for Mr. Franklin at this time.

Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters to report for Waste Collection and Beautification/Landscape.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her report on City Communications. Mrs. Reardon reported that she has spoken

with Jason of Keystone Business Solutions and the new website should be up and running next week.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her March 2009 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Reardon reported the City is three quarters of the way through the fiscal year and are within the budget estimates. She offered to answer any questions on the financial statements or investment schedule and there were none. After discussion and on motion made by Commissioner Altenbern and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunt, the following invoices in excess of \$2,500.00 were approved for payment:

Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings	\$ 3,000.00
Wascon	\$ 4,965.00

Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters for Personnel or Facilities.

The last item of business was the consideration of several proposed legislations. Resolution 2009-05 establishes procedures for public inspection of, access to, and duplication of public records under the Tennessee Public Records Act. Mrs. Reardon reported that the City is required to adopt a policy regarding public records. Commissioner Crook asked if many people came to City Hall requesting copies and Mrs. Reardon answered that there is not a lot of requests for Belle Meade's public records. Commissioner Crook then made the motion to pass Resolution 2009-

05 and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous. Resolution 2009-06 is a resolution adopting the amended interlocal cooperation agreement relative to participation in the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool. Mrs. Reardon stated this is a matter of housecleaning for TML regarding some recent changes to their charter and policies. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to pass Resolution 2009-06 and Commissioner Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The last item of business was the consideration of The Boulevard Bolt parade permit. Vice Mayor Hunt asked if this was the same procedure they follow every year and Mrs. Reardon agreed there were no changes. Commissioner Corcoran made the motion to approve the request and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Before the adjournment of the meeting, resident Doug Altenbern asked to speak before the Board. He made a request that the speed bump on Herbert Place be removed as he finds it an inconvenience to him. If it must be a permanent fixture, then he requests a smoother speed bump. Commissioner Crook stated that the speed bump is useful in that it cuts down on thru traffic on that street. Commissioner Corcoran stated that this issue was addressed about six months ago and asked Chief Eads for his comment. The Chief said he talked to the neighbors on

Herbert Place and it was their request that it remain in place. The Board suggested to Mr. Altenbern that he get a petition from neighbors who would like it removed or redesigned, and bring it back before the Board for consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 4:20pm.

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Mayor Gray Thornburg

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City Recorder Linda Berner