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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

AUGUST 2011

## 2011 Fiscal Year End Statement, General Fund

City of Belle Meade - Condensed Financial Statement  
June 2011 (Unaudited)

	Fiscal 2011 Amended Budget	YTD June 2011 Actual	YTD June 2010 Actual	YTD Curr vs Prev Yr
<b>Revenue</b>				
Property & Other Taxes	956	963	955	1%
Mixed drink taxes	32	32	29	10%
Permits & Fees	92	94	109	-14%
State sales taxes	194	195	187	4%
State income taxes	1,393	1,393	2,269	-39%
Gross receipts - TVA	32	33	32	3%
Public safety charges	128	128	196	-35%
Court fines and costs	181	182	130	40%
Other revenues	552	551	21	2524%
Interest earnings	12	13	24	-46%
Sewer user fees	43	44	43	2%
Sale of material	50	50	46	9%
Contributions	17	17	15	13%
	<u>3,682</u>	<u>3,695</u>	<u>4,056</u>	<u>-9%</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General government	586	576	590	-2%
Police	1,460	1,455	1,598	-9%
Building inspection	124	123	125	-2%
Highways and streets	658	657	418	57%
Solid waste collection	593	591	566	4%
Sewage collection	309	303	261	16%
Parkways and Blvds	78	78	69	13%
Transfer to capital prjts	713	617	70	781%
	<u>4,521</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>3,697</u>	<u>19%</u>
<b>Net rev. vs (net exp.)</b>	<u>(839)</u>	<u>(705)</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>-296%</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash		20	28	
Investments		907	6,453	
Investments - Designated		4,187	-	
Property taxes receivable		950	955	
Rec. from FEMA and TEMA		180	-	
Other receivables		529	(426)	
Other assets		5	7	
		<u>6,778</u>	<u>7,017</u>	
<b>Liabilities &amp; Reserves</b>				
Payables and accrued liab		671	287	
Deferred rev - prop taxes		950	955	
Designated reserves		4,187	-	
Unrestricted funds		1,675	5,416	
Revenues < expenditures		(705)	359	
		<u>6,778</u>	<u>7,017</u>	

The City closed the fiscal year with a deficit of just over \$700,000, meaning it had to draw from unappropriated funds to make up the difference between revenues and expenditures. Some of the major reasons for the deficit were:

- Decrease in State Hall Tax receipts
- Increase in Highways & Streets expenses from additional snow & ice events; street striping contract more than budgeted
- Increase in Sewer maintenance costs; sewer line televising contract more than budgeted
- Net cost of paving all of Belle Meade Blvd. vs. Metro Water patching areas that had been damaged from the water main upgrades. (Metro agreed to pay Belle Meade for Metro's cost to patch – see "Other Revenues" and Belle Meade paid the upcharge to pave all lanes – see "Transfer to capital prjts" on the Financial Statement.)

Questions—Please contact Beth Reardon, City Manager, at 297-6041 or [breardon@citybellemeade.org](mailto:breardon@citybellemeade.org).

## RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **July 20** regular meeting:

- Approved the request to declare the following vehicles as surplus property so they may be sold at public auction: 1996 Jeep Cherokee (Codes dept.), 2005 Chevrolet Impala (Codes dept.), 2002 Chevrolet Impala (Admin), four (4) 2007 Dodge Chargers (Police dept.)
- Deferred the appointment of new member to the Municipal Planning Commission for one month.
- 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
- Passed on second reading, Ordinance 2011-6, Amend Title 11 of the Belle Meade code to set the fines assessed for driving improvement school.
- Passed on second reading, Ordinance 2011-7, Deleting Section 15-125 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code regarding baby strollers.

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- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2011-8, Amend Section 5-105 of the Belle Meade code, Withdrawals from Accounts, etc.
- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2011-9, Amend Title 15, Chapters 6 & 7 of the Belle Meade code defining parking violations and setting a fine for illegal parking.
- Passed Resolution 2011-04, ratifying Belle Meade's continued membership in the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee
- Passed Resolution 2011-05, authorizing the City of Belle Meade to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant Program.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **August 17** regular meeting:

- Approved the request to declare the following police equipment as surplus property so it may be legally

disposed of by sale or trade-in: 17 mobile radios, 1 base station, and 18 portable radios.

- Approved the purchase from state bid of a Motorola Radio System for the cash price of \$142,836.60, (after a trade-in allowance of \$14,400). The new communications equipment will make the Belle Meade Police Department compatible and compliant with the Metro Police Department P-25 network.
- Deferred the appointment of a new member to the Municipal Planning Commission for one month.
- Passed on second reading, Ordinance 2011-8, Amend Section 5-105 of the Belle Meade code, Withdrawals from Accounts, etc.
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- Passed Resolution 2011-06, amending Ordinance 2011-5, budget appropriations.

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## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- It's back to school time again so please remember to adjust your drive time schedules to compensate for the additional volume. This is also a good time to remind your teens about driving safety. Distracted driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving and more common.
- Remember to stay alert for suspicious activity and report it immediately to us at 615-297-0241. I encourage you to put us in your speed dial, both at home and on your mobile phone as well.
- I am very proud of all the residents that have signed up and are participating in our growing Neighborhood Watch Program; we currently have thirteen active watches. The program is growing at a faster than expected pace. A special thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve as Block Captains!

- The prohibition on baby carriages, strollers and bicycle-drawn carts on Belle Meade Boulevard has been lifted. The ordinance deleting the section of code that prohibited this activity was passed on July 20th and became effective on August 3rd 2011. I encourage people to use due diligence when using Belle Meade Boulevard for this type of activity just as you would on any other street.
- Please continue to Park Smart when leaving your vehicles unattended no matter where you are at. Remove all valuables from your vehicle or secure them in the trunk and out of sight and always lock your doors.

Be Safe,  
Chief Tim Eads

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## TRASH & RECYCLE REMINDERS:

Continue to recycle! In July, almost 18 tons of recycle was picked up along with 80.6 tons of landfill-directed trash. This is a significant increase in recycle tonnage compared to the averages before the new program went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. PDQ reports the following was picked up in July 2011:

• Co-mingled recycle	12.68 tons
• Glass	2.72 tons
• Cardboard	1.96 tons

Please remember that large cardboard boxes that do not fit inside the recycle container must be broken down (flattened). This also applied to empty boxes that are being thrown in the dumpster behind city hall.

PDQ requests that you do not put landfill trash in the black bags lining the recycle container. They are getting 20-30 bags each pickup day that have mixed trash and recycle together. When this happens, everything must go to the landfill and nothing gets recycled!

Please pay attention to the signs posted on the gates at the dumpsters. They list the items that cannot be thrown in the dumpsters. When prohibited items end up in the dumpsters, or worse, on the ground next to the dumpsters, the city can be assessed an extra charge to have these items hauled away. This (unnecessary) expense is not in the budget. Surveillance cameras are monitored 24/7 by the dispatcher and violators can be prosecuted in Belle Meade court.



Chief Brad Lindsey from Dyer PD presenting award to Chief Tim Eads

CONGRATULATIONS to our Chief Tim Eads! He recently received the *Director's Choice Award* at the August conference for the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. This award is presented by the President of the TACP and is based upon the following three factors:

- The chief's ability to be progressive, innovative, and professional in the management of his or her department.
- The chief's involvement with the community he or she serves.
- The chief's involvement with local, county, state and national organizations to promote and enhance the professional image of all police personnel.

Nominations must be made by a Director or a member of the Board of Officers of the TACP and forwarded to the chairperson of the Awards Committee. The President and the Awards Committee choose the three recipients of this award, one from each region of the state (West, Middle & East).

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## STORMWATER

For many years, the City has managed a network of pipes, ditches, curb cuts and drop inlets to move stormwater off streets and away from structures. The City's goal for stormwater management has primarily been flood control. Ditches have been cleaned out, pipes replaced, drainage structures installed and maintained. Over the years, numerous regulatory changes have occurred that impact the City's stormwater management activities. One recent change is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued and regulated by the TN Department of Environment and Conservation. This permit requires the City to manage stormwater runoff to protect stream water quality – not just flood control or stormwater quantity management.

So what is stormwater? Stormwater is excess rainfall - rainfall that doesn't soak into the ground. Stormwater runs off land naturally. However, when development occurs in an area, hardened surfaces (called impervious surfaces) such as roadways, roofs, driveways, and parking lots are constructed, decreasing the amount of rainfall that can soak into the ground and increasing the amount of stormwater that runs off the surface. Increased stormwater runoff means more flooding. Also, stormwater carries pollutants with it, such as oil and grease, dirt and fertilizers. As development continues, more stormwater is pushed into ditches, pipes and streams, which increases the capacity demand on the City's

stormwater system, the amount of pollutants being carried into streams and the costs to purify our drinking water.

Funding for municipalities to manage their stormwater systems often comes from a dedicated source, based upon the demand each property places on the stormwater system. That type of funding structure is called a stormwater utility and the amount of impervious surfaces a property has defines the demand and fee. To date, all stormwater system improvements have been financed solely by the City's General Fund. The General Fund is based upon taxes (state income and sales, property), which do not consider stormwater impacts. In an effort to more appropriately fund stormwater system management and improvement activities, the City is considering the development of a stormwater utility. Metro Nashville enacted a stormwater utility last year for the same reason, and many other municipalities in Tennessee have done the same in recent years.

The City will begin the process soon of enacting legislation to allow for the creation of a stormwater utility. We will continue to provide details in the newsletter and on our website. For more information, please contact Terry Franklin, Codes Official, at 297-2364 or [tfranklin@citybellemeade.org](mailto:tfranklin@citybellemeade.org) or Beth Reardon, City Manager, at 297-6041 or [breardon@citybellemeade.org](mailto:breardon@citybellemeade.org).

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER, 2011**

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT  
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL,  
4705 HARDING ROAD**

**Municipal Planning Commission**  
Tuesday, September 20th at 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m.

**Board of Commissioners**  
Wednesday, September 21st at 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at [www.citybellemeade.org](http://www.citybellemeade.org)

**PROPERTY TAXES**

Property tax statements will be mailed to each property owner around the first of October. The City of Belle Meade still provides the opportunity to take a 2% discount if your taxes are paid on or before October 31st. The City's tax rate remains at 22.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2011.

IN CASE OF SEWER, ROAD, OR OTHER CITY ISSUES, DURING WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS PLEASE CALL THE POLICE DEPT. AT 297-0241 AND THE DISPATCHER WILL CONTACT CITY STAFF AS NEEDED.



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