

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

AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor Gray Thornburg, Vice Mayor James Hunt, Commissioner Ed Freeman, Commissioner Steve Rick, City Manager/Treasurer Beth Reardon, City Recorder Linda Berner, Police Chief Tim Eads, Police Lieutenant Vince Higgins, Public Works Director George Bartlett, City Building Official Terry Franklin, and City Attorney Bob Patterson. There was also a newspaper reporter in attendance.

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 July 20, 2011 regular meeting. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the minutes and Mayor Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon

vote, the approval was unanimous, except for Commissioner Rick who abstained from voting since he was not present at the June meeting.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his July 2011 Public Works report, which was reviewed. Mayor Thornburg asked if it would be difficult to gather information on residents who have multiple sewer red light issues. Mr. Bartlett answered that Mr. Larry Smith keeps track of such incidents in his database. There were no further questions for Mr. Bartlett at this time.

The Mayor recognized Chief Eads for the July Public Safety reports, which were distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. It was noted there were 292 traffic citations issued, 4 traffic crashes, 8 arrests (seven driving while license suspended and one driving while license revoked), 52 alarm calls, one burglary, 7 incidents reports filed, 5 theft reports filed, and 23,885 patrol miles logged. Chief Eads offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Freeman commended the Chief on being proactive with the neighborhood watch program, and asked him to explain the new watch program. Chief Eads reported that the website, [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com), allows citizens to view a crime map of the area as well as sign up for alerts. Chief Eads also reported that 13 neighborhood watch groups have been organized. Vice Mayor Hunt added the Officer Dee Howell has done a great job coordinating the neighborhood watch program. There were no further questions for Chief at this time.

The next item of business was the consideration of the request for declaration of surplus property. Due to the upcoming purchase of the new police radio system, Chief Eads requests that the current police radio system be declared surplus property so it can be legally disposed of by sale or trade-in. The current system consists of 17 mobile radios, 18 portable radios, and one base station. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to accept the request and Commissioner Rick seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The next item of business was the consideration of the revised police radio system quote and payment option. Belle Meade's current police radio system will no longer be compatible with Metro-Nashville's P-25 network. The current system is also at the end of its expected service life and has experienced multiple equipment failures. The initial quote to replace the radio system was \$157,864. Motorola is now offering a trade-in allowance of \$14,400, and the final cost will be \$143,464. This will provide the police department with a dependable and upgradable system for a minimum of ten years. Motorola also provided a revised quote to reflect the new figure on a municipal lease should the Commissioners decide to lease-purchase the equipment rather than pay cash. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to accept and purchase the equipment at the revised cost and Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Commissioner Rick questioned the final cost and Chief

Eads took another look at the figures and corrected the final cost to \$142,836.60. Vice Mayor Hunt withdrew his motion and Commissioner Freeman withdrew his second. The Vice Mayor then made the motion to accept the final cost at \$142,836.60 and Mayor Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous. Mrs. Reardon added for the record that this purchase does not have to be bid by the City because the purchase will be made off the state contract, which has already gone through the bid process. Mayor Thornburg then made the motion to pay in cash and not finance the 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 added to the report that the odor tanks were filled several weeks ago. There were no questions for Mr. Bartlett at this time.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Franklin for his July 2011 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. It was noted that 11 permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$1,456,601.25, 2 permits were closed out during the month, one grading/soil disturbance permit issued, and zero stormwater complaint reports filed. Mr. Franklin stated it was a slow month but they did manage to close out many permits. He had nothing further to add to his report.

The next item of business was the appointment of a new member to the Municipal Planning Commission. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to defer for another month and Commissioner Rick seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion to defer was approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her July 2011 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Reardon offered to answer any questions but there were none.

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

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	\$ 3,011.20
Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc	\$ 5,605.47
Commonwealth Chemical	\$ 7,020.00
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Crosslin & Associates	\$ 7,000.00
J.R. & Associates	\$16,720.00
J.R. & Associates	\$16,720.00
J.R. & Associates	\$50,160.00
TML Pool	\$12,917.00
Wascon Inc	\$ 5,918.00

The Mayor noted there were no matters to report for Facilities and Personnel.

The next item of business was the review of five pieces of legislation.

ORDINANCE 2011-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 OF THE BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (on second reading)

On deferral this month

ORDINANCE 2011-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 OF THE BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (on second reading)

On deferral this month.

ORDINANCE 2011-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLE MEADE CODE SECTION 5-105, WITHDRAWALS FROM ACCOUNTS, ETC (on second reading)

This portion of the code listed actual names of who had signing privileges on city bank accounts. This ordinance will remove the actual names and list the titles only of those individuals with signing privileges. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the ordinance on second reading and Commissioner Rick seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 2011-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTERS 6 AND 7 OF THE BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO FURTHER DEFINE "PARKING VIOLATIONS" AND TO SET THE FINE FOR ILLEGAL PARKING, (on second reading)


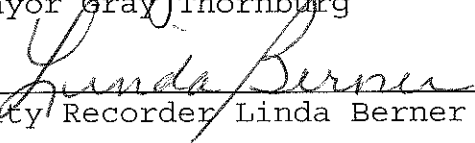
This is an edit of the existing code. Chief Eads wanted to include more specific provisions, so Mr. Patterson reviewed ordinances from several different cities and conformed those to what would best work for Belle Meade. The intent is to provide more definition to what illegal parking is in Belle Meade. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Rick made the motion to approve the ordinance on second reading and Mayor Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2011-06**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING ORDINANCE 2011-5; BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

Mrs. Reardon stated this resolution will amend the revenue portion of the budget related to the Hall Tax. Commissioner Rick made the motion to approve the resolution and Mayor Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 4:25p until the next meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 4:00pm.

  
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City Recorder Linda Berner