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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

September 2010

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from an office in a building that is not on wheels! The staff is thrilled to be back in City Hall and resuming a normal routine again in our own offices. We are thankful that the City had adequate flood insurance to cover the building reconstruction and replacement of damaged furniture and equipment. The contractor, Baron & Dowdle Construction, LLC, did an excellent job not only in restoring the City Hall to pre-flood conditions, but doing so in short order – just 51 days from start to finish! In addition to the City Hall building, the City incurred other damages from

the May flood. Initially, we were not sure how much state, local, or federal assistance would be given for repairs and restoration. After many meetings, site visits and discussions with FEMA and state officials, it was determined that most of the items on the City's damage assessment list would be covered by the disaster assistance funds. The following is a list of the projects that were approved for 75% reimbursement from FEMA and 10-12.5% reimbursement from the State. The remaining 15% or 12.5% of the cost to repair or provide services is the responsibility of the City.

Pick up of residential flood-related debris, May 26 & 27	\$4,056.65
Removal of flood-related debris on Millrace Lane, June 10	\$1,636.66
Removal of debris on Leake Avenue right-of-way	\$4,398.60
Asphalt repairs to Lynwood Blvd., Jackson Blvd., City Hall parking lot, and Clarendon Avenue	\$11,346.21
Repairs to Leake Avenue road shoulder	\$2,853.36
Repairs to Forsythe Bridge concrete abutment	\$19,350.68
Repairs & replacements to flooded sewer grinder pumps and odor tanks; staff overtime, contract labor and admin. costs	\$49,103.13
Reimbursement of police overtime and use of police vehicles during mandatory 12-hour shifts during and after flood event	\$5,822.18
Reimbursement of insurance deductibles and administrative costs	\$4,058.24
Repairs to stone walls along Harding Road (estimate – must bid)	\$452,915.86

PROPERTY TAX REMINDER:

Property tax statements will be mailed to each household by the first of October. Taxes are due from October 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. A 2% discount can be taken if your taxes are paid and post-marked by October 31st. You may also hand deliver your tax payment to the police department on the weekend of October 30th and 31st and they will note the delivery time. Please call Linda Berner at 297-6041 if you have tax questions.

Early Voting at Belle Meade City Hall

Early Voting for the State General and City Elections is scheduled for October 15 through October 28, 2010. A complete schedule will be printed in the October Newsletter, but you may view it now and get other general information by visiting the Davidson County Election Commission website at www.nashville.gov/vote.

RECAP OF RECENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **April 21, 2010** regular meeting:

- Reappointed Bob Rolfe to the Municipal Planning Commission
- Passed Ordinance 2010-1, amending the description of Special Impact Area A, on second reading.
- Deferred Ordinance 2010-2 on second reading; An Ordinance Amending Title 11-602 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code regarding carrying hand guns.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **May 7, 2010** special meeting:

- Declared the flood event of May 1st and 2nd an official disaster for the City and allowed the City Manager to temporarily make emergency purchases without formal sealed bids.
- Allowed City Hall dumpsters to be used for residents' flood debris.
- Formally canceled the May meetings of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Municipal Planning Commission, as well as the May Traffic Court.
- Began the process for the restoration and rebuilding of City Hall by authorizing Street Dixon Rick Architects to prepare a damage assessment report and obtain up to six contractor estimates for reconstruction.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **May 17, 2010** special meeting:

- Passed Resolution 2010-01, declaring an emergency and establishing a procedure for letting contracts and contracting for debris removal and monitoring of debris removal.
- Ratified all current invoices and contracts in excess of \$2,500.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **May 26, 2010** regular meeting:

- Approved the one year extension of the Creek Debris Removal Maintenance Contract, beginning July 01, 2010.
- Approved the addendum to the Waste Collection Contract for flood debris removal.
- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2010-3, entitled "Fix Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2010-2011".
- Passed Resolution 2010-02, entitled "A Resolution Recognizing and Applauding the Incredible Contributions of the Personnel of the City of Belle Meade".
- Approved a \$10,000 donation to St. George's Episcopal Church.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 4, 2010** special meeting:

- Awarded the contract for Re-construction of City Hall to Baron Dowdle Construction LLC, for a total bid price of \$461,298.00 to be completed in 50 calendar days.
- Passed on first reading, Ordinance 2010-4, "Budget Appropriations" for F/Y 2010-2011.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 14, 2010** special meeting:

- Approved the proposal from Landscape Services Inc. to remove and temporarily store the landscaping around City Hall buildings during the reconstruction and replant after construction for an estimated cost of \$14,900.00.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 16, 2010** regular meeting:

- Granted a parade permit to The Boulevard Bolt for Thanksgiving Day 2010.
 - Approved the emergency purchase of a 2010 Dodge Charger police vehicle to replace one destroyed during the flood, for \$20,451 (insurance reimbursement).
 - Approved the purchase of a network printer/scanner/fax machine to replace the one destroyed in the flood, for \$7,867 (insurance reimbursement).
 - Welcomed two new members of the police force; Officer Rachel Freeman and Officer Charles Williams, who replaced retired Sergeant Johnny Hunter and Officer Brienne Splittgerber, who moved out of state.
 - Approved Change Order #1 to the Baron & Dowdle contract, for gas furnaces, not to exceed the cost of \$40,695.60.
 - Approved Resolution 2010-03, entitled "Adopting Metro Nashville Davidson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan".
 - Approved Resolution 2010-04, "Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2009-2010".
 - Deferred Ordinance 2010-2 on second reading, entitled "An Ordinance Amending Title 11-602 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code", relative to hand gun laws.
 - Approved Ordinance 2010-3 on second reading, entitled "Fix Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011".
 - Approved Ordinance 2010-4 on second reading, "Budget Appropriations" for F/Y 2010-2011.
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The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **July 21, 2010** regular meeting:

- Approved the bid from Cardinal Chrysler for the purchase of a 2010 Dodge Charger police vehicle for \$20,451.36 and a 2011 Dodge Nitro for \$19,036.36.
- Approved Change Order #2 to the Baron & Dowdle contract, for a cost of \$5,265.91.
- Approved Resolution 2010-05, entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the City of Belle Meade to Participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Loss Control Matching Grant Program.”
- Deferred Ordinance 2010-2 on second reading entitled “An Ordinance Amending Title 11-602 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code.”, relative to hand guns.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **August 18, 2010** regular meeting:

- Approved the proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc to prepare NPDES annual report.
- Approved the parade permit requested by Ragnar Events, LLC. for a relay race to be held November 6, 2010.
- Deferred Ordinance 2010-2 on second reading entitled “An Ordinance Amending Title 11-602 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code”, relative to hand guns.
- Approved Ordinance 2010-5 on first reading, entitled “An Ordinance Amending Appendix F of the Zoning Code of the Belle Meade Municipal Code.”, regarding reconstruction of a non-conforming use or structure.
- Approved Ordinance 2010-6 on first reading, entitled “An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the Belle Meade Municipal Code.”, relative to communication towers.
- Approved Ordinance 2010-7 on first reading, entitled “An Ordinance Amending Title 11-602 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code.”, relative to hand guns.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water Main Construction Project:

The project is in the last portion of the construction phase and will be finishing on Glen Eden Drive, Jackson Boulevard and Harding Road in front of City Hall. Most of the work will be done at night so as not to tie up traffic during the day. Metro Water Services will then contract for final paving under a separate bid. The City has requested that the paving be completed before year end, but that decision will be made by Metro. HOMEOWNERS: if your water lines have never been upgraded from the old-style galvanized pipes, you may have problems with the increased water pressure. All the sediment and deposits that have collected in these lines over many years will be “blasted” out once the pressure increases and can cause damage to your lines and fixtures. Have a reputable plumber check this for you and also have him determine if you need to install a Pressure Reducing Valve on your service line to regulate your water pressure inside the home.

Belle Meade Stone Walls:

The City has solicited bids for the repairs to the stone walls along Harding Road and at the Belle Meade Boulevard/Harding Road intersection that were damaged from the May flood. This extensive project has been approved by FEMA for reimbursement from the federal and state disaster funds, but the City will also be responsible for a portion of the reconstruction cost. The City budgeted \$80,000 for this project based on the FEMA estimate. Actual costs will be determined by the bid results. Work should begin on the walls in late September and FEMA requires that they be restored to their original condition



GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVE



Please make a note that Goodwill will have a truck at the Belle Meade City Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations of usable clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated.

RECYCLE REMINDERS:

PDQ Disposal provides the “blue bags” to residents for their recycle waste. Please use these bags **ONLY** for recyclable items. There are 25 bags to a box, so a box should last an average size household several months, assuming 1-3 bags are used each week for recycling purposes.

The following items are accepted for recycling and should be put in the blue bags for pickup:

PAPER: office paper, magazines, junk mail, newspaper, computer paper, notebook paper, phone book, paperback books, construction paper, brown paper bags.

BOXES: milk or juice cartons (empty), cardboard boxes, food boxes (clean – no food). All boxes should be broken down.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: #1-7: drink bottles and their caps, detergent & cleaner bottles and their caps, yogurt/cottage cheese and other dairy “tubs” and their lids (please empty containers) and plastic trays, such as the lunchable type containers (any color except black trays – optical sorting machines can’t see them).

ALL METAL & ALUMINUM CANS: food and drink cans (please empty cans).

NOT ACCEPTED: plastic bags, black plastic trays, clamshells (fast food take out), Styrofoam, paint cans, or aerosol spray cans. **NO GLASS!!!!**

From the Police Department – Chief Tim Eads:

Fall is fast approaching and that usually means we will have an increase in solicitors working in the area. While most are legitimate, there are many that are not. If you are approached by a solicitor or see them walking in your area please give us a call. An officer will verify if they have a Solicitation Permit from the City of Belle Meade. If they don’t have a permit they will be asked to leave the City until a permit is obtained.

I encourage everyone to please report any type of activity that you may deem suspicious to us at 297-0241.

We have added another Officer to our Bike Patrol. Officer Mack Mangrum recently completed his certification and is assigned to the Day Shift. Our other Bike Officer, Jon Carter, is currently on the Midnight shift and you may see him out during the very early morning hours. If you see these officers out, please feel free to wave them over and meet them.

We will be hosting our Safe Halloween event again this year on Thursday, October 28th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Dress up the little ones and join us for hot dogs and chips and have their picture made at our festive Halloween display. We will be giving away Free reflective trick-or-treat bags with goodies and safety tips during the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Society of Ceres Donations Second Quarter 2010

Mr. & Mrs. William Powell
Mr. & Mrs. Frank B. Sheffield, Jr.

Memorial Contributions

Mrs. Holly Anderson
(In Memory of Marie Rice Cowan)

Mr. & Mrs. William Blaufuss
(In Memory of Mrs. Sigourney Cheek)

Mr. Thomas Cowan
(In Memory of Marie Rice Cowan)

Mrs. T. T. McCarley, Jr.
(In Memory of Marie Rice Cowan)

Mr. & Mrs. George Crook
(In Memory of Mrs. Neely Coble, Jr.,
Mr. James Reed, III, and Mr. Geoffrey Crisco)

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2010

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 21st at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, September 15th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org