



COMMISSIONERS: Gray O. Thornburg, *Mayor* • James V. Hunt, Sr., *Vice Mayor* • Cathy Altenbern, Tomas F. Corcoran, George W. Crook, Beth Reardon, *City Manager/Treasurer* • Tim Eads, *Chief of Police* • Linda Berner, *City Recorder*

NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

December 2008

## 2008 ELECTION RESULTS

History was made in Belle Meade this November with passage of the referendum for Ordinance 2008-2 that increased the Board of Commissioners from three to five. The Davidson County Election Commission has issued the certified results of the municipal elections held for the City of Belle Meade on November 4, 2008:

Belle Meade Ordinance 2008-2  
 FOR: .....1,493  
 AGAINST: .....305

Belle Meade City Commissioner  
 Candidate Total Votes  
 Cathy Altenbern .....1,418  
 George W. Crook .....1,070  
 Nate J. Greene .....1,023  
 James V. Hunt, Sr. ....1,314

## NEW COMMISSIONERS SWORN IN MAYOR & VICE-MAYOR ELECTED

At the regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting held Wednesday, November 19, 2008, newly elected Commissioners Jim Hunt and Cathy Altenbern and re-elected Commissioner George Crook took the formal Oath of Office with many family members and friends in attendance. The five commissioners then proceeded to elect Gray Thornburg as Mayor and Jim Hunt as Vice-Mayor for a two-year term ending November 2010. Mrs. Thornburg thanked George Crook for his years of service and leadership as Mayor and thanked the staff for their patience in sharing city hall space with thousands of voters during the election period.



L to R: Jim Hunt, Cathy Altenbern, George Crook

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL  
 4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission  
 Tuesday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, January 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals  
 Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners  
 Wednesday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, January 21st at 4:00 p.m.

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

PLEASE NOTE: City Hall Offices will be closed December 24 and 25 and January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Years Day holidays.

Trash collection days will remain the same for the Tuesday/Friday route, but the Monday/Thursday route will change to Monday/Wednesday for both holiday weeks.

### FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who attended our Safe Halloween Event. We enjoyed seeing each of you and appreciate you making our event a success.

With the upcoming holiday season, please remember to be safe while out shopping. Always place your packages in your trunk or cover them so they cannot be easily seen. Be attentive to your surroundings and have your keys ready when you approach your vehicle. If you find yourself uncomfortable going into a parking area always check with the merchant to see if they will provide an escort to your vehicle.

Don't forget fire safety during this time and inspect any holiday lighting for frayed wiring and such. If you have a live tree, remember to keep it properly watered and to dispose of it promptly after the holidays by placing it at the street for pickup by the brush and chipper contractor.

With your help, we are able to keep a closer watch on suspicious activity in the Belle Meade area. Please continue to report any activity that may seem suspicious to you by phoning 297-0241.

## **SUMMARY OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2008 REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 30, 2008**

The Commissioners took action on the following items:

- Awarded the contract for Street Sweeping to Sweeping Corporation of America, the only bidder, for \$2,240.00 per month.
- Rejected the lone bid for Snow & Ice Removal and requested the staff to re-bid the contract.
- Awarded the contract for Street Maintenance to the low bidder, Gibbs Construction Co., Inc.
- Voted to defer for 60 days the request for drainage improvements at the corner of Park Hill and Bellevue Drive South until the engineering report was complete.
- Awarded the purchase of one 2009 Dodge Charger police vehicle to the low bidder, Cardinal Chrysler of Memphis, in the amount of \$20,853.95.
- Deferred the appointment of a replacement to the Municipal Planning Commission for outgoing member Mr. Robert Ramsey.
- Awarded the contract for Landscape Maintenance to the only bidder, Landscape Services, Inc. for \$3,995 per month, which was the same pricing as the previous contract.
- Approved Resolution 2008-3, amending building permit fees. (See related article.)
- Awarded the contract for Snow & Ice Removal to Sammie Gibbs Construction.
- Awarded the contract for Brush & Chipper Service to Clean Earth Collections for \$12,116 per month.
- Approved the estimate from T.C.B. Fabrication for repairs to the metal gates on Clarendon and Evelyn Avenues at a cost of \$3,450.
- Voted to defer action on the proposal submitted by Civil & Environmental Consultants to prepare a Master Plan for Storm Water and Capital Improvement Projects for an estimated fee of \$35,000. Commissioner Corcoran suggested the commissioners meet with the engineer to discuss the scope of this Plan.
- Approved the request to declare a 2004 Chevrolet Impala police vehicle with equipment and a Sony digital camera as surplus property available for resale.
- Ratified the purchase of a transmission for a 2005 Impala police vehicle from All Pro Transmission. The rebuilt transmission cost \$1,450, with a 3-year warranty.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2008-5, housekeeping amendments to various provisions of the City Code.

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### **FROM BUILDING & ZONING**

The Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2008-3 at their October meeting, which amended the building permit fees. Now, for repair and routine maintenance projects valued at \$1,000 or less, the City will no longer charge a permit fee. If an inspection by the city building inspector is required, there will be a \$50 charge for each inspection. For purposes of determining the exemption from a fee, the cost of a repair or routine maintenance project shall include all costs associated with any coordinated activity of improvements regardless of whether such costs are incurred concurrently or affect more than one area of the property. Questions? Please call Terry Franklin or Phil Buma at 297-2364.

### **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVE**



Please make a note that Goodwill will have a truck at the Belle Meade City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations of usable clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE EMPLOYEES**

The staff at City Hall and the Police Department wishes the residents of Belle Meade a joyous and safe holiday season. We are always grateful for your kindness and gifts of appreciation. All monetary gifts received are put into the Employee Fund, which allows every employee to benefit equally from your generosity.

*We are dedicated to providing you with the best city services!  
Please do not hesitate to call on us!*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED