

COMMISSIONERS: Gray O. Thornburg, *Mayor* • James V. Hunt, Sr., *Vice Mayor* • Cathy Altenbern, Thomas 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

August 2009

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET, NEW PROPERTY TAX RATE APPROVED

At their June and July meetings, the Commissioners set the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and approved a .229-cent property tax rate for Belle Meade. This is the state certified rate, down from .26-cents previously, which will maintain the same revenue stream for the City using the 2009 property appraisal figures. Therefore, you can expect a Belle Meade property tax bill on October 1st for approximately the same amount as the last four years. There may a slight difference in dollar amount due to rounding.

The budget for the General Fund is summarized at right. Special Revenue Funds, which include the Beautification and State Street Aid, are not shown here. Detailed budget information for all funds is available on the City website, www.citybellemeade.org.

GENERAL FUND: EXPENDITURES

General Administration	.496,680
Police	1,447,555
Building/Zoning	128,141
Streets	262,495
Sewage	295,462
Parkways	82,790
Debt Service	.0
Waste Collection	568,052
Capital Projects	135,000
Totals	3,416,175

REVENUES

Local Taxes	.928,903
Permits	93,384
Intergovernmental	1,911,568
Fines	189,600
Interest	80,400
Other	225,218
Contributions (Employee Fund)	4,800
From Reserves	.0
Totals	3,433,873

FROM POLICE CHIEF TIM EADS

Solicitation within the City of Belle Meade without a permit is illegal. The majority of the people that are conducting door-to-door sales often do not have a permit to do so. If you encounter a solicitor, please call the Belle Meade Police Department at 297-0241 immediately and let us send an officer to check on the situation. We will be able to determine if the individual(s) have a permit and, if not, they will be asked to leave the City or proceed to City Hall and begin the process of obtaining a Solicitor's Permit.

Even if the individuals have a permit, you do not have to visit with them. Just ask them to leave and if they are pushy or slow to leave, go ahead and call the police anyway.

The key is to call us as soon as you have contact with these folks. If you delay in calling, it is much more difficult for us to locate them.

While I am on the subject, I would like to remind everyone to call in suspicious activity immediately. Keeping an eye on

what goes on in your neighborhood is paramount to helping keep your community safe. I encourage you to call us anytime something or someone seems out of place. We will check the situation out and take whatever action is necessary.

Alarms: Be sure that the Belle Meade Police Department is listed as the first responder with your alarm provider. If the provider calls Metro Police first, there could be a delay of several minutes in dispatch and arrival time.



RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the May 19, 2009 meeting:

- Appointed City Manager Beth Reardon to the Metro Solid Waste Regional Board.
- Approved the appointment of Martin & Zerfoss as the City's agent for Tennessee Municipal League Insurance.
- Approved a one-year extension to the city hall building cleaning services contract.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2009-2; compliance with financial responsibility law required.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2009-3; close, vacate, and abandon a portion of Surrey Lane.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2009-4; fix tax rate for 2009-2010.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2009-5; budget appropriations.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the June 17, 2009 meeting:

- Awarded stormwater infrastructure improvements contract to the low bidder, Robinson Construction, LLC in the amount of \$59,601.50
- Approved request for additional funding for creek cleaning and maintenance in the amount of \$2,100.
- Approved a one-year extension to PDQ Disposal's contract for waste collection.
- Approved estimate for tree pruning work in the medians on Belle Meade Boulevard from The Parke Company in the amount of \$2,600.
- Approved a \$400,000 payment to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System towards the current unfunded liability.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 2009-2; compliance with financial responsibility law required.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 2009-3; close, vacate, and abandon a portion of Surrey Lane.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 2009-4; fix tax rate for 2009-2010.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 2009-5; budget appropriations.
- Approved Resolution 2009-07; budget amendments.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the June 30, 2009 special meeting:

- Approved on first reading Ordinance 2009-6; amend Ordinance 2009-4 - fix tax rate for 2009-2010.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the July 22, 2009 meeting:

- Accepted the proposal from Hodgson Douglas for costs not to exceed \$1,900 to provide estimate of construction cost for Glen Eden sidewalks.
 - Approved the request to declare a 2004 Chevrolet Impala patrol car with equipment as surplus property.
 - Approved the historic site activity permit for a new restaurant to be located in Belle Meade Plantation.
 - Approved request for purchase of new Savin printer/copier/scanner/fax from Photocopy Supply for \$7,867.
 - Welcomed newly hired patrol officer Brienne Splittergerber.
 - Approved on second reading Ordinance 2009-6; amend Ordinance 2009-4 - fix tax rate for 2009-2010.
 - Approved Resolution 2009-08; participation in TML risk management pool "Safety Partners" loss control matching grant program.
 - Approved request for donation to Friends of Warner Parks for \$10,000 to be applied towards the restoration of the Hodge House.
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FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Brush & Chipper Service Reminders – Please remember that the brush and chipper service provided by the City for its residents is meant to accommodate normal weekly yard maintenance activities. The contract language describes this as follows:

“The accumulation of lawn, grass, shrubbery, cuttings, tree leaves, small tree branches, bushes, fruits or any other matter usually created as solid waste garbage and trash in the care of lawns, yards, and gardens which have been placed at the curb. Tree trimmings shall have a trunk not to exceed 4 inches in diameter, and shall be no more than 8 feet in length or 6 feet across in the lap or crown. Twigs, leaves, small debris and grass clippings shall be bagged. Bags shall not weigh more than 50 pounds.”

Note: All privately contracted tree and brush cutting shall be disposed of by the private contractor and/or the homeowner.

Creek Maintenance – Each year the city contracts for creek debris removal as permitted by the State of Tennessee. Maintaining and cleaning the creeks minimizes the chances of flooding in many areas of Belle Meade and is one of the Best Management Practices under the City’s stormwater program. Property owners can assist in this process by NOT placing debris in the creeks, such as leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste, which can impede the flow of water and block drainage outlets. Please place all yard waste at the curb for weekly pickup by the brush and chipper contractor.

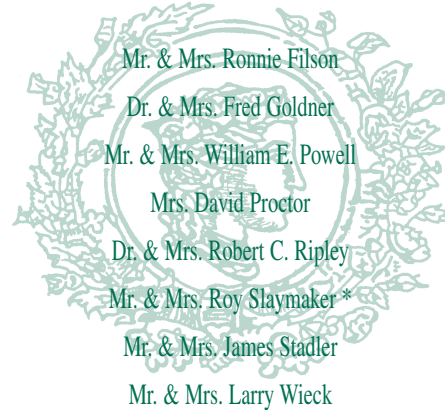
Metro Water Services Harding Place Water Main Replacement Update – At publication time, the water main installation on Harding Place was well underway. The next step will be connecting the individual residential service lines to the new main. Metro Water Services (MWS) will provide advance notice to residents of any water cutoffs required for these connections. MWS estimates the water cutoffs should not last longer than 2 hours for each connection.

The Belle Meade Boulevard water main replacement is scheduled to begin later this year, with plans to replace the water lines running from the intersection of Belle Meade Boulevard and Harding Place down to Page Road.

Please call MWS at 862-4600 or Belle Meade Public Works Director, George Bartlett, at 297-6041 if you have any questions about these projects.

Society of Ceres Donations Second Quarter 2009

* Represents New Members



REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2009

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, August 18th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, August 19th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at
www.citybellemeade.org

PLEASE NOTE:

City Hall offices will be closed Monday,
September 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.
Trash and Recycle service will follow the regular pick-up schedule.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 19TH IS CLEAN-UP DAY IN BELLE MEADE!
FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING – 9 a.m. until 12 NOON
GOODWILL TRUCK ON SITE – 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.**



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

Donation Dates: September 19, and December 19, 2009.



Prevent Identity Theft!

A local company, Shred On The Run, will have its truck at the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 19th from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon to shred your paper documents.

Suggested documents to bring to the shredder truck would be credit card statements, cancelled checks, bank statements, tax returns, medical bills and any other papers that could provide information for identity theft.

Reduce paper waste! Sign up today for email newsletters at www.citybellemeade.org!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED