

MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE  
MAY 18, 2016

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by James Hunt, Mayor, at 4:00pm.

**Commissioners present**

James Hunt, Mayor                      Boyd Bogle  
Cathy Altenbern                         Bob Weigel  
Gray Thornburg

**City staff members present**

Beth Reardon, City Manager/Treasurer      Larry Smith, Public Works Director  
Vince Higgins, Police Lieutenant            Linda Berner, City Recorder  
Kemishia Sadler, City Recorder              Jim Murphy, City Attorney  
Lyle Patterson, Building Official

I.     **Pledge of Allegiance** - led by Mayor Hunt

II.    **Public Hearing** - No Matters

III.   **Minutes** -

Regular Meeting held April 20, 2016

Motion to approve: Altenbern                      Second: Weigel                      Vote: All aye

Special Meeting held April 27, 2016

Motion to approve: Thornburg                      Second: Altenbern                      Vote: All aye

IV.    **Public Works** - Reports submitted by L. Smith reviewed.

V.     **City Services**

A.     **Public Safety** - Reports submitted by T. Eads reviewed.

<u>231</u> Traffic citations	<u>5</u> Traffic crashes	<u>74</u> Alarm calls
<u>0</u> Burglaries	<u>7</u> Incidents reports	<u>1</u> Theft reports

Arrests: 3 DUI \* 1 Driver's license revoked \* 3 Implied consent \*  
2 Driver's License suspended \* 2 Trespassing \* 2 Indecent exposure  
2 Public intoxication

2.     **Video Surveillance**

Thornburg is to meet with Sgt. Joe Patty of the Memphis Metro Police Department to get information and pricing on consulting fees. She received glowing recommendations from three references provided. Thornburg requested a motion to defer the proposal for one month.

Motion to defer: Thornburg                      Second: Altenbern                      Vote: All aye

B.     **Health and Sanitation** - Reports submitted by L. Smith reviewed.

C.     **Zoning/Planning** - Reports submitted by L. Patterson reviewed.

15 Permits issued \*\* \$2,877,190.00 Estimated construction cost

6 Permits closed \*\* 3 Grading/soil permits issued \*\* 2 Closed  
0 Stormwater complaints filed

2. Renew/ Extend Carole Nelson's term through Nov. 2018

Hunt made request to re-appoint Carole Nelson to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Her term will last for three years with the start date of November 2015 and ending November 2018.

Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

D. Waste Collections - No Matters

E. Beautification/Landscape -

1. Discussion Regarding Future Changes to Page Road Lot

No recommendations have been made at this time. Requested motion to defer one month.

Motion to defer: Hunt Second: Altenbern Vote: All aye

F. City Communications - No Matters

VI. Administration -

A. Finance

1. Financial Stmts - Report submitted by B. Reardon reviewed.
2. Investment Schedules - Reports submitted by B. Reardon reviewed.
3. Approval of invoices over \$5,000 - NONE

B. Facilities - No Matters

C. Personnel- No Matters

VII. Legislation

1. Ordinance 2016-2, Amend Zoning Code to Clarify the Definition of "Addition", on first reading.

Specifically defines addition as any new construction that increases volume. Bogle stated that adding a dormer would then increase volume or square footage. The additional volume would then have to be cleared to make sure that there is no overage. Murphy stated that the ordinance translates that the addition of a dormer would increase volume. If the volume is above the permitted amount, then it becomes an addition. The ordinance was deferred for modification to clarify the addition of dormers.

Motion to defer: Bogle Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

2. Ordinance 2016-4, Close, Vacate, and Abandon a Portion of the Right of Way of a 50' Street Called Redwing Avenue at the Rear of 121 Westhampton Pl and 400 Sunnyside Drive, on second reading.

Ordinance was approved with clarification needed as to whether the width of the street is 40' or 50'. A motion was made to pass the ordinance on second reading upon clarification of the width of the street.

Motion to amend: Bogle Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

3. Ordinance 2016-5, Fix Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2106-2017, on first reading.

The current rate of .2243 per \$100 of assessed value was passed on first reading. The City will host a series of public hearings to determine how to compensate for the loss of the Hall Tax over the next five years.

**Discussion-**

Thornburg stated that with the loss of the Hall Tax, the City will lose at least 10% of its income for the budget per year for the next 5 years until it's gone completely. The goal of the public hearings is to educate the public so that they are aware of the ramifications of the elimination of the Hall Tax. It means that the City will need to increase the property taxes simultaneous with the decrease of the budget.

Motion to approve: Thornburg Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

**4. Ordinance 2016-6, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016-17 on first reading.**

A budget workshop will be held on ordinance 2016-6 before the second reading. Ordinance passed on the first reading.

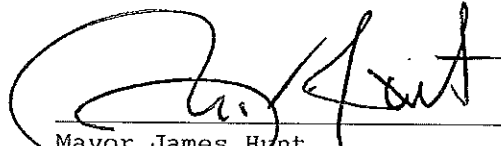
Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Thornburg Vote: All aye

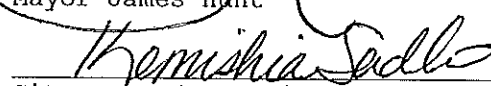
**VIII. Other matters -**

**1. Farewell Lunch for Linda**

Linda Berner has been the City Recorder for 8½ years. She will be leaving Nashville to return to her home state of Louisiana. A luncheon will be held in her honor on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

  
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 Mayor James Hunt

  
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 City Recorder Kemishia Sadler