

### Resolution 1939-03

When the City of Belle Meade was incorporated, it was a fact recognized by everyone that the City would require the services of one salaried official. However, in order to assist in getting the corporation started, the Honorable Charles W. Warterfield agreed to act as City Recorder temporarily. In this capacity he has rendered invaluable service to the citizens of Belle Meade and to the Commissioners elected by the citizens. The time has now arrived when the tax books must be made out and preparations made looking toward the collection of city taxes. This being the case, the Commissioners do not feel justified in calling on Mr. Warterfield to serve further as Recorder. Mr. Warterfield has tendered his resignation as Recorder. It is, therefore, resolved by the Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade that this resignation be accepted, and that the appreciation of the Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade be expressed to Mr. Warterfield for the extremely efficient services which he has rendered to the City of Belle Meade.

It is the opinion of the Commissioners that the offices of City Manager, City Recorder and Treasurer should be combined, and should be filled by a salaried official of the City. The Commissioners have carefully gone over the possibilities, and are unanimously of the opinion that the citizen of Belle Meade most available and suitable for this position is the Honorable Morton B. Howell, who has, since the incorporation of Belle Meade, rendered extremely valuable services to the City as City Manager, without compensation. The Commissioners, therefore, have requested Mr. Howell, as City Manager, to appoint himself as City Recorder and Treasurer. Mr. Howell has acceded to this request and has filed a formal appointment naming Morton B. Howell as City Recorder and Treasurer. It is, therefore, resolved by the Commissioners of Belle Meade that this appointment be and it is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. Be it further resolved that the Honorable Morton B. Howell be and he is hereby appointed and elected to hold the combined offices of City Manager and City Recorder and Treasurer at a salary of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month, payable monthly on the first days of each month, such salary to begin on June 15th, 1939, meaning that the salary for the last half of June, 1939, will be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00), and the salary for each month thereafter will be One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

As City Manager he shall supervise all road work and the carrying out of all road contracts, shall prepare the tax books, collect the taxes, issue tax receipts, issue building permits and supervise all other activities of the City of Belle Meade, all in accordance with the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Tennessee and the ordinances of the City of Belle Meade.

Mr. Henry moved adoption of this resolution. Mr. Cooney seconded the motion. The vote resulted as follows:

Yea - Mr. Cooney; Mr. Henry; Mr. Stevenson

Mr. Howard and Mr. Warterfield also asked permission to go on record as heartily favoring this decision.


The vote resulted as follows:


Yea - Mr. Henry; Mr. Cooney; Mr. Stevenson

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned.

  
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Mayor and Commissioner

  
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Vice-Mayor and Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

  
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Recorder

Date of Adoption:

June 5, 1939

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by City Recorder Linda Berner.**