

RESOLUTION 2010-02

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING THE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, as follows:

WHEREAS, THE RAINS CAME on May 1 and continued pounding Nashville on May 2, 2010, torrential rains from ominous, threatening clouds that delivered on the threat of a deluge, quickly saturating the ground, raising water tables, swamping deluged tributaries and streams with so much water so quickly that they overran their banks;

WHEREAS, FLOODING ENSUED, beginning on Saturday when a lake formed on Harding Road between Belle Meade City Hall and Kroger, basements of houses that were well above any running water began to take on water from rising water tables and sewer systems began to malfunction as the water and sewer systems of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County began to fail under the stress of the deluge;

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE reacted immediately to this crisis, deploying its Police Department to warn and protect those who were attempting to make their way through flooded streets and working non-stop with Larry Smith and George Bartlett to preserve, protect and maintain essential city services;

WHEREAS, THE RAINS CAME AGAIN ON SUNDAY WITH A VENGEANCE, creating a level of danger and damage not seen in Middle Tennessee for more than eighty years, overcoming all utilities and storm water management systems, with the result that Harding Road became a raging, white capped river, with a current that swept away property and life;

WHEREAS, CITY OF BELLE MEADE SUFFERED DAMAGES along with many others in Nashville when the water breached the walls of City Hall, flooded the streets of Belle Meade, and overran the banks of the streams in the City of Belle Meade;

WHEREAS, CITY HALL WAS FLOODED TO A LEVEL OF THREE FEET destroying not only the physical property but the computers, files and systems that define the routine and effective functioning of our City;

WHEREAS, THE INFRASTRUCTURE CRITICAL TO THE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE WAS SEVERELY COMPROMISED, the telephone systems were flooded, the computer systems destroyed and our city personnel were faced with the disruption of routine processes while dealing with emergency conditions;

WHEREAS, LEADERSHIP is defined not by the routine but by how people respond to the exceptions to the routine, and there is no greater exception in recent history to the effective functioning and routine operations of the City of Belle Meade than the events, and the consequences of the events, of May 1 and May 2, 2010;

WHEREAS, THE CHALLENGES TO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING QUICKLY YIELDED TO THE ENERGY, DETERMINATION AND DEDICATION OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, who to a person stepped in and stepped up to address and overcome each of the problems that they encountered, moving quickly and efficiently to re-establish basic services and acting with uncommon certitude to restore the operations of our City while addressing the emergency situation created by this flooding;

NOW THEREFORE IN RECOGNITION OF THE INCREDIBLE EFFORT AND RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The City of Belle Meade, acting through its Commissioners, applauds all of the personnel of the City of Belle Meade for their leadership and heroic response to the events of May 1 and May 2;

2. The City of Belle Meade, acting through its Commissioners, applauds the leadership of Beth Reardon, City Manager, and Chief Tim Eads, Police Department, for their ability and success in marshalling their resources and personnel in a manner that addressed and resolved problems while guiding the City to a return to the more routine operations;

3. The City of Belle Meade, acting through its Commissioners, applauds the incredible contributions of Larry Smith and George Bartlett, by whose tireless and selfless efforts the City was able to protect and maintain its infrastructure for the benefit of all of its citizens;

4. The City of Belle Meade, acting through its Commissioners, applauds each of Linda Berner, Amy Jones, Judy Begley, Terry Franklin and Phil Buma for their important contributions and dedication to the team of people that responded to this emergency, for without their tireless and selfless willingness to pitch in wherever needed, the City could not have responded as it has; and

5. The City of Belle Meade, acting through its Commissioners, applauds the members of the Police Department:

Beasley, Wayne
Bennett, Janice
Black, Tim
Carter, Jon
Corter, Dale
Goins, Dennis
Higgins, Vince
Howell, Dee
Mangrum, Mack
McCartherenes, Brian
Murphy, Teddy

O'Brien, Shawn
Samol, Keith
Sexton, Tom
Shelton, Norman
Smeltzer, Angela
Splittgerber, Brienne
Thomas, Kwame
Bryant, Kathy
Tomlin, Toni
Walker, Kemishia

for their dedication and commitment to the safety and security of our city and its citizens, and their selfless dedication to duty literally around the clock in the days following this tragedy.

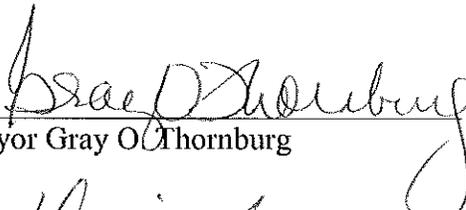
(Parenthetically, the Commissioners do express concern about the public display by some officers while in uniform of their "tree hugging" tendencies, but express their gratitude and relief our officers bravely resisted and were not swept away, and indeed overcame such currents, political or otherwise.)

6. The City of Belle Meade expresses its relief that its officers and personnel survived these events, the amazement at the heroic efforts of those who serve this city, their boundless pride in all they accomplished and their undying gratitude for the contributions made daily and in crisis to our City.

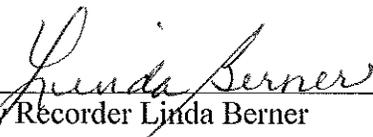
7. Be it further resolved that this Resolution shall be posted so that all of the citizens of the City of Belle Meade may join in these salutations, and that a copy of this resolution given to each of the above-named personnel that they might know always of the City's gratitude for their service.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Passed this the 26th day of May, 2010



Mayor Gray O. Thornburg



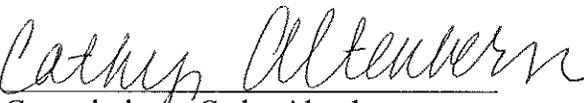
City Recorder Linda Berner



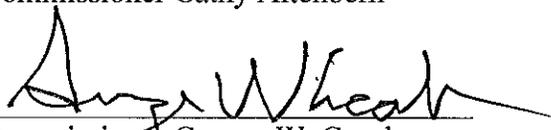
Vice-Mayor James V. Hunt, Sr.



Commissioner Thomas F. Corcoran



Commissioner Cathy Altenbern



Commissioner George W. Crook