

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE  
APRIL 30, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by James Hunt, Mayor, at 5:03pm.

**Commissioners present**

James Hunt, Mayor	Cathy Altenbern	Blair Wilson
Gray Thornburg	Bob Weigel	

**City staff members present**

Beth Reardon, City Manager	Vince Higgins, Police Lieutenant
Aspen Collins, Finance Director	Lyle Patterson, Building Official
Larry Smith, Public Works Director	Doug Berry, City Attorney
Charlotte Hunter, City Recorder	

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

**II. Public Hearing** - Mayor Hunt advised the public hearing portion would be held while discussing the Public Works items.

**III. Minutes -**

Regular Meeting held March 21, 2018

**Motion to approve:** Altenbern Second: Wilson Vote: All aye

Budget Workshop held April 4, 2018

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

Commissioner Altenbern would like to commend Finance Director Aspen Collins on the Budget and the presentation. The Board was very impressed with Aspen's knowledge of facts and how smoothly everything went. Great job!

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

**2. Consideration of Proposal from CEC for Engineering Services, FY 2018-2019**

The staff recommends approval of the CEC's proposal for the 2018-2019 Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements for a total of \$ 17,000.00 for the four projects listed below.

1. 508 Belle Meade Blvd.
2. 607 Belle Meade Blvd.
3. 704 Lynwood Blvd.
4. 604 Westview Ave.

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

### 3. Request to Replace Cones with Delineators on Jackson Blvd. and Harding Pl.

Director Larry Smith recommends purchasing 20 delineators, 3 foot tall and 2 inches of tube in white. We will purchase 9 or 10 for Harding Place and 4 to 6 on Jackson Blvd with a few extra to have on hand. These would be purchased from TAPCO for \$1,087.12 The City would install them with a strong glue that takes less than an hour to set. They are able to bounce back up if they are hit.

Weigel asked if we accept the humps, will we still buy the delineators. Smith replied that Collier Engineering recommends using both, but he recommends using the delineators with or without the installation of speed humps.

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

### 4. Consideration of Jackson Blvd. Traffic Calming Study

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for comments:

Patsy Harvey, 219 Jackson Blvd., has lived in her house 16 years. She feels traffic calming is a safety issue. Metro schools have a bus stop in front of her house at corner of Deer Park Circle. Twelve children under 16 live on Jackson and 11 children live on Deer Park Circle. The speed limit is 25 but is only obeyed when police are present. The street doesn't have a sidewalk or any shoulders. She is in favor of speed humps on Jackson. The speed bumps on Herbert Place work to slow down cars.

Weigel asked Mrs. Harvey if she believes the traffic study report is correct. She believes it is.

Jimmy Perkins, 116 Jackson Blvd. has lived in house over 40 years. He is strongly against any speed humps. They will hurt your cars alignment and suspension. Jackson is a cut thru street, has been and will always be one. Humps will make a bad issue worse. Feels what the City has done so far and is doing now with police patrol has slowed down traffic.

Gary Lee Smith, 220 Deer Park Circle, lived there for many years. He prefers nothing more be done on Jackson Blvd. Humps are noisy, irritate drivers and are bad for cars.

Connie Schimmel, 215 Jackson Blvd., has lived on Jackson for 5 years. Her end of Jackson has many speeders. Humps don't bother her and she hopes delineators will help. She asks the City and police department to stay on task to control speeding.

Lisa Ellis, 214 Jackson Blvd, states Jackson is a cut thru street and it's not going to change. People need to respect the speed limit and be careful while walking. She is opposed to speed humps and feels they are an over reaction to the problem.

Mayor Hunt closed the Public Hearing and opened the Board discussion:

The Traffic Calming Study by Collier Engineering recommended the installation of (4) sets of asphalt speed humps or rubber cushions, but did not recommend a

stop sign at Jackson and Deer Park Circle or the use of "No thru street" signs. Director Smith obtained pricing from Gibbs Bros. Construction under their maintenance contract for the installation of (2) asphalt humps at a cost of \$2,556.00. Required signage and striping would add about \$1,200.00. Director Smith offered an alternative option of adding (2) more "25mph" striping sections for a cost of \$1,000, and placing the delineators in the street where the speed humps were recommended to be installed at an approximate cost of \$600.

Mayor Hunt read the following report produced by the City's Speed Monitoring Signs:

**Site of survey:** 215 Jackson Blvd. Viewing both directions

**Dates:** 4/20/2018 to 4/26/2018 (7 days)

**Time of day:** 0:00 to 23:59

**Speed limit:** 25 mph

**Average Speed:** 27.04

**50<sup>th</sup> percentile speed:** 26.88 mph

**85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed:** 31.3 mph

**Pace speed range:** 23.0 – 33.0 mph

**Minimum speed:** 5.0 mph

**Maximum speed:** 53.0 mph

**Average volume of autos per day:** 1051

**Total volume for period of report:** 7358

Mayor Hunt stated these stats show that the average speed of most vehicles is very close to 25pmh and proves that traffic on Jackson has slowed down. He has had more people contact him that are not in favor of the speed humps on Jackson than those in favor. Hunt wants to see if the delineators will work to continue to slow traffic down. Commissioner Altenbern feels most people don't want speed humps. Commissioner Wilson suggested installing "walking district" signs like they have near Vanderbilt. Commissioner Thornburg recommends the City add the "25mph" striping in two places and add the delineators where the humps were to be installed and made a motion for such.

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

Attorney Doug Berry explained that at last month's meeting the Harding Place sidewalks were defeated. One way for this subject to come up again is for one of the Commissioners on the prevailing side to make a Motion to Reconsider.

Commissioner Weigel explained he is changing his mind due to safety reasons. He stated he hears and is listening to the Harding Place residents and feels it is his fiduciary responsibility to protect Belle Meade citizens. After meeting personally with some of the neighbors, and driving on Harding Place, he concluded that it is a narrow road for 10,000 or more cars per day, it has no painted lines for pedestrians or bicycles, and no shoulders. Weigel made a motion to reconsider the vote for Harding Place sidewalks.

**Motion to approve:** Weigel Second: Wilson Vote: All aye

## 5. Consideration of Bids-Harding Place Sidewalk Project

The Mayor then opened the Public Hearing for comments:

Bunny Blackburn, 4409 Harding Pl., Marty Dickens, 4410 Harding Pl. and Sherry McGuire, 4412 Harding Pl. all expressed their gratitude to Bob Weigel for his change of heart and for the good of the City. Randy Gross, 4416 Harding Pl. did a lot of research and feels safety is the number one issue and thanked Commissioner Weigel for his decision.

The following contractors submitted bids for the construction of the Harding Place Sidewalk project:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Sessions Paving	\$496,136.00
C D Steger Construction	\$372,000.00
Pavement Restoration, Inc	\$342,800.00

Public Works Director Larry Smith and City Manager Beth Reardon recommend the board approve PRI, Inc. for the project, since their low bid is also under budget and they have excellent references from other municipalities.

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

## V. City Services

A. **Public Safety** - Reports submitted by V. Higgins reviewed.

<u>263</u> Traffic citations	<u>9</u> Traffic crashes	<u>65</u> Alarm calls
<u>1</u> Burglaries	<u>9</u> Incident reports	<u>0</u> Theft reports
Arrests <u>8</u>		

## 2. Quotes for VSS Internet Connectivity

Lt. Higgins reported that Chief Eads has spent time researching the hardwired and wireless solutions for connectivity of the video surveillance cameras. He explained that the Verizon pricing of \$0.00 monthly data fees was incorrect and a new pricing sheet was given to the Commissioners just before the meeting. This will nullify the recommendation to use Verizon for connectivity.

**Motion to Defer:** Altenbern                      Second: Weigel

City Manager Reardon stated deferring this step will hold up the VSS project. Altenbern and Weigel withdrew their motion to defer. Reardon had spoken with Chief and they now recommended using a combo of hard wire and wireless, with ATT Small Business Solutions for the hardwire part and FirstNet for the wireless solution. FirstNet is ATT's exclusive public safety option for wireless connectivity. The annual cost quoted by ATT is \$9,600.00 for 20 sites, which was less than the Comcast and Verizon quotes.

Thornburg recommends the City going with the ATT Small Business Solutions and FirstNet for \$9,600.00 a year.

**Motion to Approve:** 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.

10 Permits issued \*\* \$ 867,900.00 Estimated construction cost  
1 Permits closed \*\* 0 Grading/soil permits issued \*\* 1 Closed  
0 Stormwater complaints filed

**D. Waste Collections**

**1. Quotes for Dumpster Access Control & Fence Improvements**

Staff previously discussed the issues with excessive use and illegal dumping of restricted items and were instructed to come up with a solution. Chief Eads obtained pricing for wire fencing addition to the top of existing gates and moving the access door back 6 feet, as well as a gate access control system, as follows:

Fencing

- Nashville Fence & Deck \$1,830.00
- Fence King \$2,358.00

Wireless intercom and electromagnetic gate lock

- Nashville Fence & Wire \$2,900.00
- Duncan Alarms \$3,500.00
- Herring Technology \$4,386.49

Chief Eads and Manager Beth Reardon recommend using Nashville Fence & Deck for both the fencing and the gate access control panel options.

**Motion to Approve:** Thornburg Second: Wilson Vote: All Aye

**2. Quote for Surveillance Camera for Dumpster area**

The City has a contract with SCI Technologies (SkyCop) to purchase and install video & LPR equipment. SkyCop has quoted us \$2,150.00 for 3 additional video cameras, including installation, at the dumpster site.

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

**E. Beautification/Landscape-**

**1. Quotes for Tree Removal- Deer Park Circle.**

	<u>The Parke Co</u>	<u>Davey Tree</u>
Remove Hackberry	\$2,850.00	\$1,635.00
Remove Elm	\$3,800.00	\$2,235.00
	\$6,650.00	\$3,870.00

Manager Reardon explained these two large trees have noticeable root rot and are leaning towards the street. She recommends Davey Tree Company to do the work. The payment will come from the Beautification fund.

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

**F. City Communications - No Matters**

**VI. Administration -**

**A. Finance**

1. **Financial Stmts** - Reports submitted by A. Collins reviewed.
2. **Investment Schedules** - Reports submitted by A. Collins reviewed.
3. **Approval of invoices over \$5,000 -**

• Commonwealth Chemical Inc.	\$19,880.00
• Kerr Electric	\$41,700.16
• Wascon, Inc.	\$ 5,193.47

**Motion to Approve:** Thornburg Second: Weigel Vote: All Aye

4. **Compliance Report- CMFO**

Finance Director Aspen Collins reports the City is in compliance with the State of Tennessee and will receive funding. Both Aspen Collins and City Manager Beth Reardon are both certified.

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

**B. Facilities - No Matters**

**C. Personnel - No Matters**

**VII. Legislation -**

1. **Ordinance 2018-1, on first reading, Amend Section 15-301, to change Speed Limits on all streets in the City Limits.**

Commissioner Thornburg will always believe the city needs slower speed limits.

Resident Earl and Marilyn Henry of 436 Westview Avenue are against the change in speed limit. Enforcement needs to be increased.

**Failed due to lack of a Motion.**

2. **Resolution 2018-02, Establishing Criteria for Construction of Sidewalk**

Commissioner Thornburg felt some items were listed out of order. She will send her corrections to Manager Reardon for consideration at the May meeting.

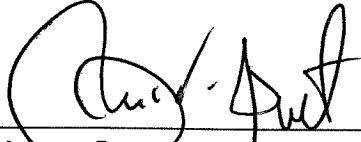
Motion to Defer: Altenbern Second: Weigel Vote: All Aye


VIII. Other Matters -

held April 25, 2018

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

  
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 Mayor James Hunt

  
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 City Recorder Charlotte Hunter