

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE  
APRIL 17, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by James Hunt, Mayor, at 4:03pm.

**Commissioners present**

James Hunt, Mayor; Louise Bryan, Vice-Mayor; Cathy Altenbern; Bob Weigel; Rusty Moore

**City staff members present**

Beth Reardon, City Manager	Tim Eads, Police Chief
Aspen Collins, Finance Director	Lyle Patterson, Building Official
Larry Smith, Public Works Director	Doug Berry, City Attorney

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

II. **Public Comments** -

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiatt were in attendance regarding Ordinance 2019-1 and stated they had sent a new proposal for Pendleton Ave. to the Allen's attorney for review, but had not heard back from him yet.

Commissioner Moore wanted to recognize and honor his recently deceased father, Durwood Moore, who served as Dickson County's General Sessions Court Judge for 40 years.

III. **Minutes** -

Regular Meeting held March 27, 2019

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

Budget Workshop held April 9, 2019

Motion to approve: Altenbern                      Second: Weigel                      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>282</u> Traffic citations	<u>7</u> Traffic crashes	<u>39</u> Alarm calls
<u>0</u> Burglaries	<u>0</u> Incident reports	<u>2</u> Theft reports
Arrests <u>7</u>		

Chief Eads reported on the Tenn. Highway Patrol's saturation in Belle Meade that morning from 7:30 to 10:40 am. Eleven trucks were stopped, with 14 tickets issued, 5 out-of-service (truck could not be driven) and 1 arrest.

**2. Update on Officer Mark Hill**

Chief Eads reported that Officer Hill was scheduled to see the doctor at the end of the month, but so far was recovering with minimal complications.

**3. Update on Video Surveillance System**

Investigator Tom Sexton stated that the system was meeting and exceeding expectations. Information from the cameras, especially the LPRs, can be overwhelming at times. They are working to identify weak spots where additional cameras could be useful. He is also doing research on solar powered cameras which can be leased as an additional option for the City.

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

**C. Zoning/Planning** - Reports submitted by L. Patterson reviewed. His report included a listing of 26 homes that had been torn down within the last 18 months. Commissioners discussed the possibility of a conservation overlay or doing an urban planning study.

3 Permits issued \*\* \$995,000 Estimated construction cost  
6 Permits closed \*\* 0 Grading/soil permits issued \*\* 0 Closed  
0 Stormwater complaints filed

**D. Waste Collections - No Matters**

**E. Beautification/Landscape-**

Laura Katherine Wood gave an update on the annual fund drive, which was kicked off on April 1<sup>st</sup>. She reported that committee members preferred to use a professional designer for the Ceres Society logo, and there are several online websites that do this for a reasonable fee, several hundred dollars.

**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 - \$23,800.00

Aspen reviewed the comments of Budget and Finance Committee members at the Budget Workshop held April 16<sup>th</sup>. Their recommendations included expanding the Capital Plan to include more improvement items and extend to 10 years; establish a formal policy for minimum unrestricted fund balance level; increase tax rate to .30; and communicate to residents the value of planning for adequate tax rates and a healthy fund balance.

Motion to approve: Bryan      Second: Moore      Vote: All aye

B. Facilities - No Matters

C. Personnel - No Matters

VII. Legislation -

1. Ordinance 2019-1, Close, Vacate and Abandon the Right of Way Of Pendleton Avenue Between Its Intersection with the Right of Way of Lynwood Blvd. and Its Terminus in the Turner Sub-Division First Revision, on first reading.

Mr. Berry recommended not closing Pendleton until an agreement is reached by the three property owners. Commissioner Altenbern asked who originally requested this ordinance. Lyle Patterson stated it was himself and the Hiatts.

Motion to defer 30 days: Moore Second: Altenbern Vote: All aye

2. Ordinance 2019-2, Amending Section 11-812 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code to Increase Court Costs for Various Moving Traffic and Other Offenses in Violation of Ordinances of the City of Belle Meade, on first reading.

At their budget workshop, Commissioners asked the staff to research court costs in surrounding cities, and recommend an increase based on what other courts were charging. Staff recommends an increase from \$51 to \$75.

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

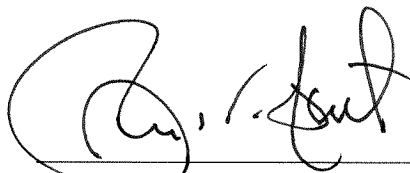
3. Ordinance 2019-3, Amending Certain Sections of the Belle Meade Municipal Code and Zoning Code to Clarify Restrictions Concerning Signs, on first reading.

Mr. Berry explained that temporary signs are free speech and constitutionally cannot be prohibited. Commercial signs are not included in this ordinance and would still be prohibited. This ordinance must go the Planning Commission before the second reading.

Motion to approve: Bryan Second: Moore Vote: All aye

VIII. Other Matters - No Matters

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm



Mayer James Hunt



City Manager Beth Reardon