

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE
MAY 15, 2019**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by James Hunt, Mayor, at 4:01pm.

Commissioners present

James Hunt, Mayor; Louise Bryan, Vice-Mayor; 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	Alex Lewis, City Attorney

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

II. **Public Comments** -

Mina Johnson will seek re-election.

III. **Minutes** -

Regular Meeting held April 17, 2019. Correction noted on page 2.

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

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

2. Extend Creek Debris Removal Contract

The current contract with JR & Associates has the option to extend services for one year at the same pricing. Their work supports the Best Management Practices (BMP's) in the City's Stormwater Management Plan and MS4 Permit with the State of Tennessee.

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

V. **City Services**

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

<u>256</u> Traffic citations	<u>11</u> Traffic crashes	<u>26</u> Alarm calls
<u>0</u> Burglaries	<u>0</u> Incident reports	<u>0</u> Theft reports
Arrests <u>6</u>	LPR Camera Hits <u>8</u>	

2. Purchase Replacement Police Vehicle

Chief Eads recommends we purchase a 2019 Dodge Charger PPV AWD car to replace Officer Hill's car that was involved in a crash from Columbia Chrysler. They hold the current State Contract (#209-56442). The purchase price is \$23,508.25. The insurance payments, less deductible, for the totaled car will cover all but \$49.92 of the new car cost.

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

3. Purchase Equipment for Replacement Vehicle

Chief Eads obtained 3 quotes for emergency equipment for the replacement car:

Wireless Plus	\$ 4,836.00
On-Duty Depot	\$ 3,759.36
Truckers Lighthouse	\$ 3,534.00

He recommends we purchase this equipment from On-Duty Depot. They have done work for us in the past and did excellent work. The insurance company will reimburse us for this equipment.

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

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

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

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

Lyle Patterson reported he is getting information from the Tennessee Historical Commission about conservation overlays as an option to manage excessive teardowns, spec homes and excessive use of the same architectural plans.

D. Waste Collections - No Matters

E. Beautification/Landscape -

Laura Katherine Wood gave an update on the annual fund drive that has raised \$68,375 so far.

F. City Communications -

1. Citizen Survey Update

The Mayor reported that 454 people have responded to the survey to date.

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** -
 - Gibbs Brothers - \$ 7,510.18
 - Gibbs Brothers - \$ 5,709.00
 - Gibbs Brothers - \$ 5,392.36

Motion to approve: Moore Second: Bryan 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, including settlement proposal, on first reading.

Attorney Alex Lewis states that if all three neighbors agree on a plan and sign the settlement proposal, then the Commissioners can take action. A settlement proposal signed by all 3 parties was submitted at the meeting.

Motion to approve: Moore Second: Bryan 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 second 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: Weigel Second: Moore 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 second 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 by the Commissioners.

Motion to Defer 30 days: Moore Second: Bryan Vote: All aye

4. Ordinance 2019-4, Amending Section 11-408 of the Municipal Code to Specifically Regulate Fans under the City's Anti-Noise Regulation, on first reading.

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

5. Ordinance 2019-5, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, on first reading.

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

6. Ordinance 2019-6, Fix Tax Rate for the City of Belle Meade for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, on first reading.

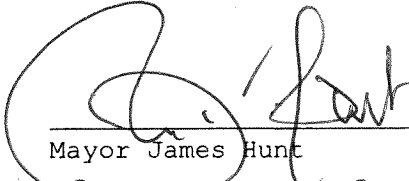
Discussion followed regarding the fund balance and how much is undesignated and/or restricted, whether the property tax should be increased gradually as the Hall Tax is eliminated, or delay an increase until next year.

Commissioner Weigel proposed increasing the property tax to .30 cents, from the current rate of .25705 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

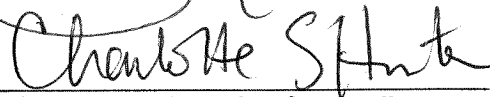
Motion to approve: Weigel Second: Bryan Vote: All aye

VIII. Other Matters - No Matters

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm



Mayor James Hunt



City Recorder Charlotte Hunt