

CITY OF BELLEWOOD
MINUTES - COMMISSIONERS MEETING - November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Orr

Present: Commissioners Nicole Walton, Karen Koch, Steve Dougherty, and Mayor Kevin Orr

Others present:

Finn Cato, Legal Counsel to City of Bellewood

Kathy and Joe Jacoby 3905 Leland Road

Aaron Higginbotham 3906 Leland Road

Austin Kupper 3917 Leland Road

Frannie Heyburn 3918 Leland Road

Bruce Gale 3916 Leland Road

Jeff Neal 3907 Leland Road

Mark Klein 3919 Leland Road

Mitch Miller 260 St. Matthews Avenue

Jason Vaughn, Legal Counsel for Jeff Neal, 3214 Overlook Circle, Goshen, KY 41026

Greg Britt 3903 Leland Road

Kay Orr 3911 Leland Road

Kevin Orr 3911 Leland Road

The minutes for October 11, 2017 were approved.

Monthly financial statements and YTD 2017 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

3911 Leland Road ordinance variance discussion with Commissioner Nicole Walton chairing and Finn Cato, legal counsel to City of Bellewood advising. Mayor Kevin Orr recused himself as he is the resident at 3911 Leland Road. Commissioner Walton started the discussion with - the residents at 3911 Leland Road requested a fence permit for privacy and asked for a variance on the ordinance. The commissioners approved the variance to the fence ordinance which is within the jurisdiction of the commissioners.

Residents from the City of Bellewood spoke regarding the erection of a fence at said address and the granting of a variance by the commissioners. Each resident was allowed three minutes to speak. Before recusing himself, Mayor Orr reported that according to Metro Ordinance the fence in the front of the property is required to be reduced from five feet to four feet. Joe Jacobi, spoke first for himself and his wife, Kathi Jacobi. See attached report. Frannie Heyburn asked why the fence was built.

Finn Cato discussed what a variance means. Jason Vaughn asked who present wanted a fence in their front yard. Bruce Gale said the fence is in violation of our ordinances. He also said a Planning and Design permit was obtained November 2, 2017, after variance was granted. Mark Klein asked for transparency and stated that the fence does not enhance property values. Jason Vaughn said the fence was not acceptable to his client, Mr. Neal. Aaron Higginbotham asked what was the reason given for approving the variance. Aaron Higginbotham asked why was the city attorney at the September meeting. Bruce Gale said the fence was built secretly. Commissioner Nicole Walton reiterated that the Commissioners approved a variance to a fence at 3911 Leland Road to give the residents privacy and security.

Ormond Road driveway easement request. Mitch Miller asked questions regarding obtaining a survey. Mayor Orr and Finn Cato both responded that Mr. Miller would need to have city property that he is interested in obtaining surveyed and added to his property so that the PVA would send only one tax bill to him. A surveyor would prepare a plat for him. Once this is done Bellewood would turn over the land to him for a nominal amount of money.

Website service provider - Mayor Orr stated that Bellewood is having issues with our current website provider and their lack of quick upload of meeting minutes and other info provided to them thus we are looking for a new provider. He has contacted Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and has been given a list of providers. These providers are being interviewed.

Street maintenance - Speed humps will be repaired and painted in the spring as the weather is too cold and the process requires three days of over 50 degree temperature.

Tree maintenance - Chenoweth Lane side walk and Brookfield/Elmwood easement. Limbwalker Tree Service will start trimming trees in the next week or two.

New Business

Real estate tax ordinance #2017A Finn Cato read the ordinance in full to those present for the first reading. He recommended a certified summary for the second reading.

Delinquent property tax notices - There are five delinquent tax bills. Finn Cato will send a letter to the five delinquent home owners.

Winter road snow/ice removal was not discussed.

Other:

Commissioners reminded the attendees that they can legally run for commissioner positions in the next November election should they wish to seek a position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Commissioner Karen Koch