

CITY OF BELLEWOOD

MINUTES - COMMISSIONERS MEETING – DECEMBER 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Mayor Orr. Meeting was held at 3911 Leland Rd.

Commissioners in attendance were Eric Gunderson, Karen Koch, Megan Walz, and Wayne Rudloff.

The minutes of the November 28th, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted. Moved by Rudloff and seconded by Gunderson and approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Report - The year-end financial report is in development. The preferred monthly report format was discussed. The completed year end financials will be ready for the January meeting. In addition, a preliminary draft will be sent to the Mayor and commissioners for review and suggestions. There was also discussion about CD rates and banking alternatives with the returns at L&N to be reported at the next meeting.

Old Business

Alley Survey –Mayor Orr asked for input from the commissioners and got an agreement that the city should move to close the alley permanently. The mayor agreed to identify, contact and discuss the issue with a couple of real estate attorneys to gather information on legal cost and processes. In addition, Commissioner Walz will contact a couple of tree removal companies to evaluate the costs of removing trees that may be city responsibility.

Website Development – Commissioner Gunderson will continue to manage the development and implementation process. Commissioners were invited to review the site and contribute photographs before the end of the year. The inclusion of city specific information, including budgets, was discussed and a certain level of transparency was the consensus. The website address is: www.bellewoodky.org.

Ordinance Process – The proposed new set of ordinances were reviewed and the first reading commenced. The second reading that was scheduled for December has been slightly delayed pending public dissemination and some revisions by commissioners. Any changes to the original draft of new ordinances should be forwarded to Eric for draft revisions and inclusions.

New Business

Tax Ordinance and Collection Process –The tax ordinance required to collect city taxes was sent out by electronic means for review and approval – it was accepted as written. City Clerk Joe Duane will continue to be reporting on the tax collection process as it moves forward. All tax bills will be mailed out during the last week of December.

Beautification Projects - Commissioner Walz agreed to continue working on drafting an ordinance/plan for addressing tree removal and replanting. She contacted Rumpke about trash hauling on Napanee road and the outlook for a day change doesn't look promising.

Snow removal and parking – Commissioner Rudloff received a solid bid and clear understanding of our expectations for snow removal and ice management techniques. The City would like to use more environmentally friendly snow/ice management techniques this winter season.

Next meeting is scheduled to be on January 17, 2011 - 6:30 pm at 3911 Leland Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.