

**Richlawn City Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, February 21, 2011, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Pat Coomes and Commissioners Joe Bohannon, Andrew Renda, Alicia Nordmann, and Henry Thoben, along with City Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and City Attorney Steve Porter. Also present was Beechwood Village Mayor Chris Dunn.

Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**A. Clerk/Treasurer's Report (Monthly Balance Sheet & Income Stmt, Actual/Budget comparison, Tax Summary, Bills)**

- Mr. Barrick presented the bills to be paid in February:

LG&E	ACH	364.79
Louisville Water Company	ACH	13.52
Extra Space Storage	1625	79.00
Helen Ratterman	1626	55.33
Kyle Coomes	1627	30.00
Nanz & Kraft Florists	1628	150.00
Pat Coomes	1629	19.08
Rumpke	1630	2915.35
Valley Crest	1631	1850.00

- Commissioner Thoben made a motion to pay the bills, Commissioner Renda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**B. Minutes from January Meeting**

- Commissioner Bohannon made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Commissioner Renda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**C. League of Cities Monthly Meeting**

- Mayor Coomes stated he was unable to attend the previous meeting but will plan to attend the next few.

**D. Communications**

- Mayor Coomes stated the most important job as a council is to communicate with the residents
- Gazette: Mr. Barrick will provide a list of email addresses that have been collected to Commissioner Nordmann.
  - Commissioner Nordmann presented a collection of city newsletters for the council to review. She suggested coming up with a standard template which would be used for each Gazette. She also suggested the city could sell advertising in the Gazette to help cover the costs of production. Commissioner Renda suggested adding a health related article.
  - Commissioner Renda suggested getting a bulletin board that could be installed in Lang Field to provide updates or city happenings for residents.
  - Beechwood Village Mayor Chris Dunn stated they have developed a website which is their primary method to communicate to their residents. Louisville Geek is now maintaining the website for them. He also stated if there is a critical issue, they send a flyer to all the residents.
  - Commissioner Nordmann also provided other methods of communication like text messaging and voice messaging.
  - Mr. Barrick will contact Louisville Geek to inquire about web design & maintenance.

**E. Trash on Hubbard's Lane**

- Mayor Coomes stated he picked up trash along Hubbard's lane and behind Lang Field.
- Commissioner Thoben stated Brightside is having a Spring clean up soon → He suggested getting some volunteers from the City to help clean up along Hubbards Lane and along the train tracks behind Lang Field.
- The question was also raised if we should have Valley Crest maintain that area to keep it clean on a weekly basis and to keep the bushes trimmed. Mr. Porter stated some of the shrubbery blocks the noise from the trains.

**F. Resident Concerns**

- None reported.

**G. Other Business**

- Commissioner Renda:**
  - Commissioner Renda introduced the possibility of installing a community garden at Lang Field. Everyone seemed interested. He will provide a proposal at the next meeting.
  - Commissioner Renda inquired about the city's use of Lang Field. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Porter:**
  - Mr. Porter stated a new fence had been installed at 4191 Blenheim Road and asked Commissioner Thoben if permission had been given to the resident to install the fence. He stated permission had not been given. Mr. Porter suggested a letter be written from the city council stating the resident needed to provide proof the fence was on their property.
  - Mr. Porter stated Tafel Motors is holding a re-zoning meeting at Harvey Browne Church next Monday at 6PM and asked the council if they wanted him to attend and monitor the situation. All said No – that would not be necessary.
  - Mr. Porter stated he received a call from the lawyer from Thorton's who was interested in purchasing the property at the corner of Hubbard's Lane and Shelbyville Road in order to build a 24 hour Thorton's gas station at that location. There is

currently a deed restriction on the property and Mr. Porter asked if the council would be willing to lift the deed restriction in order for the transaction to occur. The council unanimously does not want a gas station at that location.

- **Mr. Barrick:**

- Mr. Barrick provided a summary of crimes committed in Richlawn from the Courier-Journal's website. He asked if this is something the council would like for him to continue to provide on a monthly basis. All would like to see the summary each month.

- **H. Adjourn**

- Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday March 21, 2011 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
- Commissioner Renda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Bohannon and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jeff Barrick  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Patrick Coomes  
Mayor