

**Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 18, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, July 18, 2011, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Pat Coomes and Commissioners Joe Bohannon, Alicia Nordmann, Andre Renda, and Henry Thoben, along with City Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and City Attorney Steve Porter. Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:28 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 July:

LG&E	ACH	367.21
Sumy Designs	1624	600.00
Angie McDermott	1682	30.00
Division of Unemployment Insurance	1683	27.60
Extra Space Storage	1684	85.00
Louisville Metro	1685	69.30
Rumpke	1686	2915.35
United States Treasury	1687	418.95
Valley Crest	1688	930.00

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

B. Minutes from June Meeting

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

C. Communications

1. **Website:** Commissioner Nordmann sent out a preliminary design of the new website and has received feedback. She will continue to work with Sumy Designs.
2. **Handbook:** Commissioner Nordmann has updated the handbook. The cover will be green to distinguish it from prior years. The Handbook will be delivered as soon as it is complete. Mayor Coomes suggested the council members deliver the handbooks.
- Commissioner Thoben suggested three-hole punching the Handbook and Gazettes and provide a binder to all residents so they can store all city information in one spot and then when they move, they can leave the binder.
3. **Gazette:** Commissioner Nordmann suggested someone write an article on Voter Registration for the next Gazette – Mayor Coomes volunteered. The next Gazette will be published in early September.

D. Resident Concerns

1. **Lang Field:**

Playground: Mr. Porter stated the council had looked into it many years ago and the biggest opposition came from the residents on Ledyard. There would be no additional liability issues because the playground would be considered Passive Recreation. Other issues are cost, maintenance, etc.

Patio Homes: Commissioner Thoben brought up the idea of building patio type homes on Lang Field as a way of keeping the aging population of Richlawn in Richlawn. He stated many older residents would like to stay in Richlawn but do not want to maintain the larger homes. It could also be a method to bring in extra revenue for the city. Discussion ensued.

2. **Additional Speed Humps:** Mayor Coomes mentioned some residents had enquired about putting speed humps in the 100 blocks of Don Allen & Heady. Commissioner Thoben suggested 2 humps on Don Allen and 1 hump on Heady. He stated Don Allen has become a big problem for cut through traffic between Hubbards Lane and Shelbyville Road. The council will take the month to think about it and vote at the next meeting on whether or not to install additional speed humps.

E. Tree Ordinance

1. Commissioner Bohannon stated he has had two requests from residents for trees. One request was for a tree to be put in the resident's back yard. Because this is not in the public right-of-way, the city cannot provide funds for a tree in a resident's backyard. Another request was for two trees. Discussion ensued and it was determined Commissioner Bohannon will select 12 residents that have a spot for a canopy tree in their front yard and offer to pay 50% of the cost (up to \$200) of a tree and installation of that tree. Mayor Coomes will contact Robert Rawlins to get 4-5 suitable trees to plant and let the residents choose from that list. Roger Rymarz has volunteered to be on the Beautification Committee.

- F. Attorney Update:** Mr. Porter stated the City Council does not have zoning power, but does have building restriction power. He asked if the council wanted to increase the deed restrictions on the commercial property in order to limit what goes into those commercial properties. Commissioner Nordmann, seconded by Commissioner Thoben, made a motion to have Mr.

Porter re-write the deed restriction in order to increase Richlawn's control over the commercial property. Mr. Porter stated it would cost approximately \$1,000 to complete the work. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Other Business

1. **Hubbard's Lane:** Mayor Coomes met with Dirk Gowin and Ken Flemming on the expansion of Hubbard's Lane. Mr. Gowin is writing a proposal to the Louisville Metro Council to expand Hubbards Lane to three lanes. He stated that if all goes smoothly, the construction could begin in 5-6 years. Mr. Gowin will keep Richlawn informed of any progress.
2. **Birm at 100 Don Allen:** Continuing discussion from the last meeting, it was determined the city would not put a curb in at the curve on Don Allen. It is too small a space and cars need an area to "bail-out" if something is in the road.
3. **Fence behind commercial property:** Commissioner Nordmann stated the fencing behind the commercial property on Shelbyville Road is in poor condition and needs to be repaired. Mr. Porter stated it is the owner of the commercial property's responsibility to maintain the fence. Commissioner Nordmann will contact the owners.

H. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday August 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Renda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Bohannon and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor