

Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, October 21, 2013, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Patrick Coomes, Commissioners Dirk Gowin, Roger Rymarz, Rae Taylor, and Henry Thoben, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and Richlawn Attorney Steve Porter. Richlawn Residents Amy and Todd Hendershot were also in attendance. Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Mr. Barrick presented the bills to be paid in October:

Extra Space Storage	VISA	106.00
LG&E	ACH	423.81
Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
Louisville Water Company	ACH	310.04
Finnigan, Thomas & Kathy	1928	96.90
Internal Revenue Service	1929	481.95
Nicholas DeVore	1930	30.00
Alicia Nordmann	1931	100.00
Division of Unemployment Insurance	1932	16.80
FedEx Kinko's	1933	50.40
Louisville Metro	1934	69.30
Valley Crest	1935	2400.00

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

B. Minutes from September Meeting

- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Commissioner Thoben seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Taylor stated Rumpke will pick up the trash cans in Lang Field and at the Shelbyville Road entrance on Wednesdays.

C. Resident Concerns:

- Richlawn residents Amy & Todd Hendershot from 127 Gibson were in attendance. They stated they wanted to get more involved because after speaking with many Richlawn residents, there is some confusion on what the city council does.
- Mayor Coomes gave a general background of what the council does. Commissioner Rymarz stated there has been a lot of discussion about the Block watch program. He stated he saw some suspicious individual and called Metro. Metro Police stated Richlawn wasn't in their jurisdiction. Mr. Porter stated someone should contact the District Captain to have the issue corrected.
- Todd Hendershot stated Richlawn was a great neighborhood and hopes to get more people involved. Commissioner Taylor asked what process the Hendershot's went through to get permits for their garage. Mr. Hendershot stated they spoke with Commissioner Thoben approximately 8 months ago and got the necessary paperwork from Commissioner Thoben and then went to Metro to get the necessary building permits.
 - Mr. Porter stated under our ordinance, any property improvement must have a Richlawn permit. Louisville Metro holds the ordinance that restricts height, size, material, etc.
 - Commissioner Rymarz stated he has previously mentioned that when a house goes up for sale, we should provide the realtor with a list of our ordinances so they know what is expected.

D. Parking:

- Mayor Coomes stated he had Richlawn resident Mike Viergutz come and talk at the last meeting about what our options were as far as enforcing the parking ordinance. Commissioner Gowin stated cars parked on the streets slow people down. Mr. Porter stated there were many reasons the ordinance was created, but it was mostly for safety and so that driveways would not be blocked.

E. Sidewalks on Shelbyville Road:

- Commissioner Gowin stated the city started out splitting the cost of the sidewalks with St. Matthews and he has brought TARC in as a 1/3 partner. Metro Council Woman Tina Ward Pugh does not have any funds available to contribute at this time. He stated the current estimate for the entire project is \$129k split 3 ways which would be \$43k each. Mr. Barrick stated the city budgeted \$40k for the project. Commissioner Gowin stated the city of Richlawn would need to negotiate the easements with the commercial property owners. Commissioner Rymarz stated he is very concerned with getting the easements. One of the property owners was worried about losing parking spaces. Commissioner Gowin said he would like for them to donate the easements for MSD to put the improved drainage system in. Commissioner Taylor stated he is for the project, all Commissioners agreed.
- Commissioner Gowin made a motion for a resolution to participate in the Shelbyville Road sidewalk project as a 1/3 partner with the city of St. Matthews and TARC for up to \$50k. Commissioner Taylor has concerns about setting the dollar amount at \$50k. Commissioner Gowin came up with that amount to cover any miscellaneous items like the cost of the easements. Commissioner Thoben seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F. Hubbards Lane Project:

- Commissioner Gowin stated this project is in the preliminary stages. The plan is to widen Hubbards Lane from Westport Road to Shelbyville Road to three lanes with a turning lane in the middle and bike paths and sidewalks on both sides of the street. There would be a dual turning lane to east bound Shelbyville Road. Commissioner Thoben and Mayor Coomes both asked that Richlawn be involved in every step of the project.

G. Other Concerns:

- Mayor Coomes asked that the City of Richlawn send Alicia Nordmann & Angie McDermott a thank you gift for their work putting the annual Richlawn Festival together. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to give each of them a \$50 gift card. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Barrick will get the gift cards from Louisville Originals.
- Commissioner Thoben stated he went downtown to discuss what was going on with the Building & Zoning department. He said he didn't get much information. Mr. Porter stated he would volunteer to discuss this with Dave Marshall who is in charge of Codes & Regulations.
- Mayor Coomes stated the replacement signs are still being made for the Hubbards & Taggart intersection but that all the other signs had been replaced.

H. Attorney Update: No Update

I. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday November 18, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor

APPROVED