

**Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 18, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, February 18, 2013, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Pat Coomes and Commissioners Roger Rymarz, Dirk Gowin, Rae Taylor, and Henry Thoben, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and City Attorney Steve Porter. Also in attendance were Richlawn residents: Sarah Segree, Ian & Sylvia Cassidy, Mike & Lynn Robinson, Joie Kaufman, Rob Koenig, & David Smith. Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Extra Space Storage	VISA	98.00
LG&E	ACH	400.72
Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
Louisville Water Company	ACH	16.53
Nanz & Kraft Florists	1871	150.00
Valley Crest	1872	880.00

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

B. Minutes from January Meeting

- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Commissioner Gowin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Resident Concerns – due to the large group of residents in attendance, Mayor Coomes moved this agenda item to the front

- Joie Kaufman's vehicle was stolen from her driveway.
 - She is concerned that there was no communication from the city of the recent break-in's and car theft. She believes the city should send out a flyer to communicate what happened to all the residents of Richlawn.
 - She is also concerned that there is not any teeth to the city ordinances that the city puts in the Gazette especially when it comes to parking on the streets, picking up after dogs, and keeping dogs on a leash.
- Sarah Segree does not feel safe
 - She suggested we hire police to patrol
 - She also stated someone had suggested making the city a gated community.
- David Smith asked Commissioner Thoben if he feels the city is any safer now than it was 10, 20 years ago.
 - Commissioner Thoben stated safety comes and goes. He stated Metro police do not respond quickly.
 - Commissioner Thoben stated the city should communicate more and look out for each other.
- Ian Cassidy proposed the city should look into joining the city of St. Matthews in order to get better police protection
 - Ian's daughter Sylvia spoke about teamwork and that Richlawn residents should look out for each other.
- Joie Kaufman asked how we could communicate better
- Commissioner Rymarz stated Commissioner Thoben has tried many times in the past to get a block watch program going and he has had trouble getting people to volunteer and be involved. He suggested having 2 Block Watch captains on each block. Commissioner Rymarz stated he saw a suspicious individual walking the neighborhood early in the morning. He stated he called the police but go no where with them.
- Rob Koenig stated he works from home and often sees people walking the neighborhood.
- Commissioner Taylor spoke to the neighborhood's mailman and he said robbers will put flyer's on peoples doors and if it is not gone in 2-3 hours, they come back.
 - He asked if there was any way we could communicate this information immediately to the neighborhood about people in the city
- Joie wants to get the word out immediately via a paper flyer
- Mayor Coomes stated the neighborhood should get to know each other.
- Commissioner Thoben stated we should get everyone's phone numbers so we can communicate quickly.
- Commissioner Gowin stated we could get a bulletin out right away about crime prevention and ask residents if they would be interested in being involved in a block watch program.
- Joie stated she spoke to the Chief of Police (Steve Conrad) and he said we assume we are safe and therefore become vulnerable. He also suggested parking your car in your garage if you have one.
- Mayor Coomes stated he would put together a flyer and have it delivered by the weekend.
- Lynn Robinson asked if residents are allowed to tell vendors they cannot solicit in the neighborhood. Answer is yes.
- Mike Robinson stated the city should put information out to the residents on motion sensor lights.
- Mayor Coomes stated the plan is to put a flyer out and then get started on a block watch program.
- Mr. Porter stated Metro Police will come out and train residents on a Block Watch Program and they will provide one sign but the city could purchase more signs to put around the city.

D. Attorney Updates

- Commissioner Rymarz asked Mr. Porter about the flags in front of Verizon. Mr. Porter will contact Verizon to have the flags removed.

- Commissioner Rymarz also asked about the lights in the Verizon parking lot. Mr. Porter will look into it and contact them if need be.

E. Sidewalks on Shelbyville Road

- Commissioner Gowin stated he and Commissioner Thoben met with the City of St Matthews engineer (Jim Burch) to discuss the sidewalks along Shelbyville Road.
 - He stated they would need to put in 2 catch basins that would require an easement. He stated there might already be one.
 - Richlawn would need to get consent from the business owners to construct the sidewalks.
 - He presented a cost estimate worksheet for construction & design which amounts to \$129k which would be split between Richlawn and St Matthews.
 - Commissioner Gowin will coordinate with HDR engineering to get all the necessary documentation from the property owners.
 - Commissioner Rymarz suggested putting in cement crocks to plant small ornamental trees since there really isn't room to plant trees.
 - Commissioner Thoben suggested settling the sidewalk issue first before discussing trees.
 - Mayor Coomes asked if the \$65k price tag was reasonable.
 - David Smith asked about the trash cans that were removed from Lang Field. Mayor Coomes stated the can was run over by a vehicle. He will look into replacing it.
 - Commissioner Gowin will look into getting aid from other sources to help with the cost of the sidewalks.
 - Commissioner Taylor suggested asking if this is something the community really wants. Should we take a poll?
 - Mr. Porter suggested putting something about the sidewalks in the next Gazette.

F. Typical Duties to fulfill and share

- Commissioner Thoben stated he is still working on putting the committee's together and will make recommendations at the next meeting.

G. Open Forum & Resident Concerns

- **Parking Fines:** Mr. Porter stated the city has a fine in the ordinance but in order to enforce, council would need to go to district court and be witnesses.
- **Dog Control:** What can we do? Mayor Coomes stated he has sent letters to residents about dogs.
- **Roads:** Commissioner Gowin has asked HDR engineering to provide bid documents to have our streets repaved so we could take it to bid. Commissioner Rymarz asked how much it would cost and Commissioner Gowin estimated \$10k. Discussion ensued.

H. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday March 18, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Rymarz and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor