

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

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, March 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, , Joie Kaufman, Mike Viergutz, Steven Percy, Jeannine Barton, & Dianne Bauman. Lt. Alejandro Cabrera from the Jeffersontown Police Department was 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 March:

Extra Space Storage	VISA	98.00
LG&E	ACH	420.71
Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
Albert Rae Taylor	1874	270.45
Dirk Gowin	1875	270.45
Henry Thoben	1876	270.45
Jeff P Barrick	1877	1081.80
Patrick Coomes	1878	676.13
Roger Rymarz	1879	270.45
Pat Coomes	1880	287.76
Paul's Fruit Market	1881	50.00
Thomas Cook	1882	141.02
Valley Crest	1883	100.00

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

B. Minutes from February Meeting

- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Commissioner Thoben 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

- Mr. Barrick introduced Lt Cabrera. Lt. Cabrera talked about his background and what his services his security company can offer the City of Richlawn. He has 4 employees and is looking to add one more 6th class city as a client. He only represents 6th class cities and neighborhood associations. He charges \$35/hour for security services. He represents Norbourne Estates and is currently providing 30 hours per month for them. He stated the current trend is for burglaries during the day and car break-ins at night. 95% of the time, the burglars are looking for gold.
- Joie Kauffman said her vehicle was found.
- Lt. Cabrera spoke about Block Watch and said when things slow down, participation in the program fizzles.
 - He suggested getting people who are really interested and make it a social event or invite speakers to meetings. He also stated to tell the residents to trust their instincts.
 - He stated anyone can call 574-2111, option 5 if you see something unusual.
- Steven Percy is a new resident and would like to be involved with the city.
- It was suggested to set up an email chain to let neighbors know what is going on in the city.
- Lt. Cabrera stated Louisville Metro website has an option where anyone can sign up for weekly crime alerts.
- Commissioner Taylor stated he and Commissioner Thoben talked about getting a phone tree together.
- Joie Kauffman asked about signage and if the city could get Block Watch signs.
- Lt. Cabrera advised that if you do see something suspicious to get as good a description of the vehicle as possible and call 574-2111.
- Joie Kauffman asked about putting safety tips in the Richlawn Gazette.
- Commissioner Thoben stated he and Commissioner Taylor have put together a binder of neighborhood information with contact information in order to put a phone tree together.
- Mayor Coomes stated the council will need to discuss if they want to engage Lt. Cabrera's for security services in the city.
- Lt. Cabrera excused himself from the meeting.
- Mr. Porter endorsed Lt. Cabrera stating he has known him for a very long time.
- Commissioner Taylor stated he was skeptical of the Security Services because of the price.
- Mr. Porter stated the city has used security services before and the desire for security usually dies down after a few months.
- Commissioner Gowin suggested contacting the 5th Division Police Department to see if they would patrol more.
- Mayor Coomes said he will contact LMPD to have a Block Watch presentation at the next meeting.

D. Attorney Updates

- No updates.

E. Gazette

- Commissioner Gowin stated that he wants to keep the Gazette as simple as possible.
- Commissioner Taylor stated he is willing to be the Block Watch Captain for Gibson Road.
- Commissioner Rymarz suggested adding the LMPD and St. Matthews Fire Department phone numbers to the Gazette.
- Mayor Coomes wants to add Yard Waste pick up information. He also stated the Rumpke's pickup of yard waste started on 3/1/13.
- Mr. Barrick will send Commissioner Gowin a list of all the new residents.

F. Sidewalks on Shelbyville Road

- Commissioner Gowin stated the city could apply for new Freedoms funds in order to help pay for the cost of the sidewalks.
 - Commissioner Gowin is going to meet with TARC and St. Matthews to see if Richlawn can get additional funding for the sidewalks.
 - Commissioner Rymarz stated the biggest issue is on the West side of Heady. He stated there is an issue with the curb not being straight.

G. Typical Duties to fulfill and share

- Commissioner Thoben discussed the creation of Committees with two Co-Chairs and a mission statement.
 - **Government Committee:** Deal with government agencies, drainage, sidewalks, Hubbards Lane expansion, etc. Commissioner Thoben suggested Commissioner Gowin
 - **Property Improvement:** Review Plans, Bright-Side, development, trees. Commissioner Thoben would chair.
 - Commissioner Rymarz stated he heard Metro Louisville was going away from requiring 6th class city's permits. Discussion ensued.
 - **Service Committee:** Deal with things such as Block Watch, review of contracts, audit.
- Commissioner Thoben stated the community needs to be involved and aware of what is going on.
- Commissioner Thoben handed out a Bright Side flyer asking for anyone to volunteer to help clean up trash in the city.

H. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday April 15, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Gowin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor