

**Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 16, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2013, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Patrick Coomes, Commissioners Roger Rymarz, Rae Taylor, and Henry Thoben, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick. Richlawn Resident Mike Viergutz was also in attendance. Commissioner Gowin and Richlawn Attorney Steve Porter were not present. Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Extra Space Storage	VISA	106.00
LG&E	ACH	429.86
Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
Albert Rae Taylor	1916	270.45
Dirk Gowin	1917	270.45
Henry Thoben	1918	270.45
Jeff P Barrick	1919	1081.80
Patrick Coomes	1920	676.13
Roger Rymarz	1921	270.45
Paul's Fruit Market	1922	50.00
St. Matthews Area Ministries	1923	600.00
Sumy Designs	1924	99.00
Valley Crest	1925	550.00

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

B. Minutes from August Meeting

- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Rymarz stated he called 311 about the property on Hubbards Lane and the owner has since cleaned it up.
- Commissioner Rymarz asked about the POD Ordinance. Mr. Porter codified all prior ordinances, so the POD ordinance does not exist on its own.

C. Parking Issues:

- Richlawn resident Trooper Mike Viergutz spoke on the authority Richlawn had over parking violations. He provided the attached handout.



2013-9-16 Parking
Handout.pdf

He stated Louisville Metro shall enforce Richlawn's ordinances but they must go to court. Richlawn's ordinances say a violator can be fined up to \$250.

- He suggested the City of Richlawn request Louisville Metro Police drive through the city and ticket cars in violation of the ordinance. If a resident contests the ticket, the officer will be cited to go to court.
- Discussion ensued as to whether signs should be posted alerting residents of the ordinance.
- Commissioner Rymarz stated the original intent of the ordinance was for safety.
- Mr. Viergutz stated anyone could go online and request extra patrols from Louisville Metro.
- Commissioner Taylor stated that if it wasn't causing a problem, we should let it go. He suggested putting an article in the Gazette and let it play out.

D. Building Request (127 Gibson Road): Attached is the Request for construction review provided by Commissioner Thoben.



2013-9-16 Garage
Permit.pdf

- Commissioner Thoben gave Richlawn's approval of the structure without seeing any plans. Commissioner Thoben stated he wrote the approval letter to alert Metro of the city's approval. Commissioner Rymarz stated he didn't think there was anything Richlawn could do because approval had already been given.
- Commissioner Taylor asked what the process is for providing approval of a building permit. He believes Richlawn is out of the loop and that Metro is giving building permits without Richlawn's approval.
- Commissioner Rymarz stated the building ordinance as it exists now does not specify any restrictions on height, texture, color, etc. Mr. Barrick stated he did not think the ordinance ever had specific requirements such as height, texture, color. He asked Commissioner Thoben what the original ordinance said. No answer was given.
- Commissioner Thoben stated he was invited to go downtown to Planning & Zoning to discuss what is going on and why Richlawn is out of the loop. He has not been able to visit them, but plans to. He wants to ask why the city of Richlawn does not have any control anymore.
- Commissioner Rymarz stated the building permit was issued by Louisville Metro because it met their specifications and they issued the permit.

E. Committee/Duties of each Council Member:

- Commissioner Thoben presented the attached proposal to segregate the council members duties into four committees.



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Committees Handout.

- a. Government, b. Beautification, c. Block Watch/Safety, d. Social
- Commissioner Thoben wants to develop each committee slowly, he suggested covering one committee per Council meeting.
- Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rymarz asked that the council assign names to each committee so residents know who to contact. He suggested the council review what Commissioner Thoben has put together and discuss at the next meeting.
- The proposed contacts are:
 - Government Relations: Dirk Gowin
 - Block Watch: Ian Cassidy
 - Construction/Home Improvement: Rodger Rymarz
 - Roads/Grounds & Sanitation: Rae Taylor
 - Beautification: Rodger Rymarz
 - Social: Angie McDermott & Alicia Nordmann

F. Attorney Update: No Update

G. Open Discussion:

- **Beautification:** Mayor Coomes presented two requests for reimbursement from residents who have planted canopy trees.
 - Commissioner Rymarz will review the requests and submit for approval or deny the request(s) prior to the next meeting.
- **Rumpke:** Mayor Coomes stated Rumpke cannot pick up the trash cans due to it being a safety hazard for the drivers.



2013-9-16 Trash
Cans.pdf

Rumpke has offered to provide the large containers, otherwise they can no longer service those receptacles. Mayor Coomes will contact them to see if there are any alternatives.

H. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday October 21, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Rymarz and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor