

Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Patrick Coomes, Commissioners Dirk Gowin, Roger Rymarz, Henry Thoben and Rae Taylor, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and Richlawn Attorney Steve Porter. Also in attendance were Richlawn residents Susan Bell and Brian & Velvet Roberson.

Mayor Coomes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
LG&E	ACH	434.38
Extra Space Storage	VISA	106.00
Louisville Water Company	ACH	25.37
Kentucky League of Cities	1967	335.00
Nanz & Kraft Florists	1968	150.00
Neighborhood Security & Asset Protection	1969	350.00
Valley Crest	1970	2120.00
HP Home & Home Office Store	VISA	123.99

- Discussion ensued over the payment to Valley Crest. Mr. Barrick will send copies of the bills to Commissioner Taylor and he will resolve with Valley Crest. The invoices from Valley Crest will be paid after Commissioner Taylor and Valley Crest have agreed on the correct billing and all issues have been resolved. Commissioner Gowin believes they are trying to make up for the premium price of salt by billing us for more tonnage. Mayor Coomes suggested getting more quotes for snow & ice removal next year.
- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to pay all the bills except Valley Crest, Commissioner Thoben seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

B. Minutes from January Meeting

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

C. Infrastructure (Hubbards Lane)

- Richlawn residents Susan Bell and Velvet & Brian Roberson were in attendance to discuss the widening of Hubbards Lane project.
- The residents do not think it is fair to lose their turn-around and they are concerned with safety.
- Commissioner Gowin stated the bike path is to connect Taylorsville Road to Westport Road. He then gave some facts about Hubbards Lane:
 - Hubbards carries 16,000 cars per day compared to Brownsboro Road which carries 13,000 cars per day.
- Commissioner Gowin thinks turn arounds are necessary for all Hubbards Lane residents and will ask Metro for that concession. Mr. Roberson asked if equal distance was coming out on both sides of Hubbards Lane. Commissioner Gowin said it was a little more on the west side because of the power lines on the east side. Mr. Roberson asked if the drainage ditch goes away. Commissioner Gowin stated the drainage swale would be in between the sidewalk and the home. Mrs. Roberson suggested taking the bike paths out of project.
- Mr. Porter asked how many trees would be lost and Commissioner Gowin stated they had not done a count.
- Ms. Bell is worried about property values going down because she feels the road will be at her front door.
- Mrs. Roberson would like for the speed limit to be reduced.
- Ms. Bell asked how the plan for the Hubbards Lane widening came about. Commissioner Gowin stated it came up due to the widening of Westport Road.
- Commissioner Taylor asked how people could communicate their concerns. Commissioner Gowin stated there is an online survey that anyone can take and leave any comments on the survey.
- Mr. Roberson suggested burying a drainage ditch under the sidewalk to keep the water out of their front yard.
- Ms. Bell suggested beautifying Hubbards Lane as much as possible.
- Mr. Porter suggested the Hubbards Lane homeowners should organize and develop strength in numbers.
- Mr. Roberson asked who they should contact and asked if there would be more meetings where they could voice their opinions and concerns.
- Mr. Porter suggested organizing a meeting with the residents and engineering firm.
- Mr. Roberson asked what the City of Richlawn's position was on the project. The City of Richlawn has no official position. The commission wants to do what is best for the residents.
- Commissioner Gowin will ask for turn arounds for each home, tree replacement, and to improve the drainage as part of the project.

D. Open Forum

- Commissioner Taylor stated Commissioner Rymarz fixed a street light
- Commissioner Gowin stated the possible topics for the next Gazette will be: Hubbards Lane, November Elections, Yard waste collection, recycling dates, and law enforcement.
- Commissioner Rymarz asked who purchased the home on the corner of Hubbards and Taggart. He stated it is a single family home and there are multiple individuals living in the house.

E. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday March 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Thoben and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor