

**Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 19, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Pat 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 was Richlawn residents Sharon Mattingly of Hubbards Lane.

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

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

Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
LG&E	ACH	430.36
Extra Space Storage	VISA	106.00
Glenna Pope Harris	1994	254.94
J-Town Contractors, Inc.	1995	4392.00
Kiely Hines & Associates	1996	916.20
Neighborhood Security & Asset Protection	1997	490.00
Paul's Fruit Market	1998	503.00
Valley Crest	1999	2050.00
Nicholas DeVore	1966	30.00

- Commissioner Gowin made a motion to pay the bills, Commissioner Rymarz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
- Commissioner Taylor requested the financial reports be sent out earlier in the month so everyone has time to review.

B. Minutes from April Meeting

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

C. Infrastructure (Hubbards Lane/Sidewalks)

Hubbards Lane

- Commissioner Thoben distributed the meeting agenda to some residents in response to people not knowing what is going on. Sharon Mattingly received the agenda and decided to attend.
- Ms. Mattingly wanted to know how far along the Hubbards Lane expansion project was and if anything had been decided on the final design.
- Commissioner Gowin gave a brief description of what has happened so far and stated there is a public meeting on Thursday May 29 at Trinity High School. Ms. Mattingly asked who was holding the meeting – Commissioner Gowin stated Louisville Metro and GS&P (Gresham Smith & Partners). She also asked about the funding for the project. Commissioner Gowin said the funding was set for FY2016.
- Commissioner Taylor asked what the format of the meeting will be. Commissioner Rymarz assumed it would be the same as the previous meeting.
- Commissioner Taylor asked if Richlawn was going to send anything out on the meeting. Mayor Coomes said he will put a flyer together and have Nicholas DeVore distribute it.
- Commissioner Rymarz asked if the left turn from Hubbards Lane to eastbound Shelbyville Road will be setback because large trucks have a hard time making the right turn from westbound Shelbyville Road to northbound Hubbards Lane.

Sidewalks

- The sidewalks along Shelbyville Road are progressing.
- Mr. Barrick asked who will notify Richlawn that the invoices from J-Town Contractors are approved. Louisville Metro is approving all the invoices. Commissioner Gowin did not know. Mr. Barrick will contact Mark Adams @ Louisville Metro.

Other Infrastructure

- Commissioner Gowin wants to have MSD evaluate the neighborhood for sinkhole issues. Mr. Porter stated more than two commissioners cannot meet to discuss city business without notifying the public. It is considered a city meeting if more than 2 City Council members meet according to the Open Meetings Law.
- Commissioner Gowin will re-schedule the meeting and will let everyone know when it is.

D. Resident Concerns

- Sally Porter has said the fence separating her property and the commercial property on Shelbyville Road is in terrible condition and it has been for a long time.
- Mr. Porter stated it is the responsibility of the commercial property owners to mend the fence. Mayor Coomes will contact them.
- 201 Don Allen is in disrepair. Commissioner Rymarz believes the occupant is incarcerated. He also believes the house is near foreclosure.

E. 2015 Ordinances

- Mr. Porter presented the FY2015 Ordinances for their first reading:
 - Ordinance 2014-01 – Operating Budget
 - Ordinance 2014-02 - Property Tax Rate of fifteen cents per \$100 of assessed value
 - Ordinance 2014-03 – Franchise tax on financial institutions
- Commissioner Taylor asked about the roads and if Richlawn needs to get bids. Mr. Barrick explained this was discussed at the last meeting and Richlawn would use Louisville Metro's current contract with Flynn Brothers. Because of this, Richlawn does not need to bid the project.
- The speed humps will need to be re-built if the roads are replaced. Commissioner Gowin asked if Richlawn should survey the residents to see if residents still want the speed humps.

F. Open Forum

- Gazette – Topics for the June Gazette will include information on the November elections & streets
- **Merger with St. Matthews**
 - Commissioner Thoben asked if there was any information on merging with the city of St. Matthews. Commissioner Taylor thinks there should be a committee outside of the City Council to organize the merger.
- Mr. Porter stated Kentucky has changed the structure of Cities. He said Richlawn is now a 2nd class city with a Mayor and Commissioners form of government. This is based on new state legislation.

G. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday June 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Gowin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor

APPROVED