

**Richlawn City Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 18, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Richlawn City Council was held on Monday, August 18, 2014, at the Old National Bank on Shelbyville Road & Hubbards Lane. Present were Mayor Pat Coomes, Commissioners Roger Rymarz, Henry Thoben and Rae Taylor, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jeff Barrick and Richlawn Attorney Steve Porter. Commissioner Dirk Gowin was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Richlawn residents Ian Cassidy and Todd & Amy Hendershot.

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

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

Rumpke	ACH	2716.35
LG&E	ACH	363.24
Extra Space Storage	VISA	115.00
Louisville Water Company	ACH	234.19
Jeff Barrick	1993	100.00
Best Stamp Co./Sign Designs	2033	120.00
Paul's Fruit Market	2034	50.00
Richlawn Neighborhood Association	2035	2000.00
Valley Crest	2036	1262.50
Stephen T Porter	2017	3187.50

- Commissioner Rymarz asked if the city council receives receipts from the Neighborhood Association. Mayor Coomes stated we do receive the receipts. Mr. Barrick stated we treat the Neighborhood Association as a donation.
- Mr. Barrick stated there was one bill that was not included with the financial statements and that was the bill from attorney Steve Porter for the work done on the Annexation Ordinance 2014-04 for \$3,187.50.
- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to pay the bills, Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

B. Minutes from July Meeting

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

C. Minutes from the August Special Meeting

- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting held on August 4, 2014. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

D. St. Matthews City Merger

- Mayor Coomes stated Foster Haunz who is the attorney for the City of St. Matthews sent a letter stating the annexation will be on the ballot, but it still needs Metro Council approval.
 - Mr. Porter did not think this would be an issue
- Mayor Coomes asked if anyone on the city council sent the annexation ordinances from St. Matthews and Richlawn to the Jefferson County Attorney prior to them being approved by the Richlawn City Council. No one stated they had sent them.

E. Bids for Roads

- Commissioner Rymarz made a motion to table the discussion on the roads until Commissioner Gowin returns, Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Thoben stated he was trying to get bids but he doesn't have any plans or specifications.
- Mr. Porter stated the city is following the specifications from Louisville Metro and that Richlawn is allowed to piggy-back on Louisville Metro's contract and therefore does not need to publicly bid the contract.
- Commissioner Taylor asked if Richlawn needs three bids, Mr. Porter said no.
- Mr. Hendershot asked when a decision would be made on the streets. It was stated a decision would be made at the next meeting.

F. Fall Gazette

- Mayor Coomes asked for ideas for the next Gazette:
 - List of candidates for the November election
 - Requirements for 1 & 2 family residential application for Construction
 - Election explanation and what will happen if we merge with St. Matthews. Mayor Coomes will provide this
 - Yard waste dates
 - Picnic Dates

G. Open Discussion, Resident Concerns

- **Metro Permits:** Commissioner Rymarz presented a handout from Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses. The document lays out what the requirements are to receive a building permit.
 - Commissioner Rymarz stated he discussed with Richlawn residents Joe & Sharon Bohannon about tearing down their current garage and building a new one and what the requirements are. He told them they needed site plans and demolition permits. He stated the conversation became heated and combative.
 - Mayor Coomes read an email he sent Commissioner Rymarz concerning the issue (attached).
 - Commissioner Rymarz asked that the handout be published – Mr. Barrick will publish the handout on the city's website.
- **Josh Schneider:** He is running for District Court Judge in the November election. He gave a brief background on himself and wanted to introduce himself to the Richlawn City Council.

- **Richlawn Assets:**
 - Resident Ian Cassidy asked about Richlawn spending and if there was a plan to deplete the city's assets by the end of the year.
 - Mayor Coomes stated there are no plans to spend all the city's assets. If the merger passes, any balances left over would go to the city of St. Matthews.
 - Commissioner Rymarz stated if the merger does not pass, the city will need funds to operate.
- **Beautification Program:**
 - Commissioner Rymarz asked if Richlawn could amend the Beautification Ordinance where Richlawn could pay more for each tree to make it more attractive for residents to purchase and plant canopy trees.
 - Mr. Hendershot suggested putting a campaign together to encourage people to participate in the program.
 - Commissioner Rymarz made a motion for Mr. Porter to draft an amendment to the Beautification Ordinance increasing the amount that is covered by the City of Richlawn.
 - With the Hubbards Lane expansion, the question was asked how is Richlawn protected with beautification. Mr. Porter stated Richlawn can plant trees.
- **Lang Field:**
 - Commissioner Gowin was going to speak with Louisville Metro officials about a conservation easement for Lang Field in order to protect it in case of a merger with St. Matthews.
 - Other ideas that were discussed include a walking path, dog park, or playground
 - Commissioner Thoben asked if we should solicit ideas from residents. Mayor Coomes stated the city council meets every 3rd Monday of the month and all are welcome to bring their ideas
 - Commissioner Rymarz asked if we could plant trees on Marshall's property on at the corner of Ledyard and Hubbards Lane. The city would need the permission of the property owner.

H. Adjourn

1. Mayor Coomes stated the next meeting will be held on Monday September 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Old National Bank on Hubbards Lane
2. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM; it was seconded by Commissioner Rymarz and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Barrick
Clerk/Treasurer

Patrick Coomes
Mayor