

Richlawn City Commission Minutes

February 15, 2021

1. Resident/Guest Open Forum
 - a. Todd Hendershot is present but waited to listen to issues on 100 block of Gibson
2. Financials
 - a. On track for collections of insurance premiums.
 - b. Bills were sent out this month to either resident directly or escrow.
 - c. Cash is right at where we normally are each year at this time.
 - d. Revenues and Expenses
 - i. No material changes from this time last year.
 - ii. One big change was the repair to the front entrance last year. No major repairs this year so far.
 - iii. We hit snow removal budget amount for the first time in three or four years.
 - iv. Costs are in line from last year, otherwise.
 - e. Total annual budget: July to January
 - i. Road fund is on target to make budget this year.
 - ii. Back franchise tax is up a little over last year and budgeted amount
 - iii. Insurance premiums should be hit or exceeded.
 - iv. Waiting on property tax collection. Expect it to meet budget.
 - v. PVA consolidated several lots within Richlawn which helps collection.
 - f. Disbursements
 - i. No extraordinary disbursements save postage for the bills to be sent out.
 - ii. Security costs are still up pursuant to Commission's directive.
 - g. Bills were paid by Motion made by Commissioner DeVore, seconded by Commissioner Brotzge. All in favor.
3. Last month's minutes were approved following Motion made by Commissioner DeVore and seconded by Commissioner Brotzge. All in favor.
4. 2021-2022 Budgetary process
 - a. Mayor Carpenter and Clerk Sullivan are going to discuss next year's budget. Line-by-line review will occur.
 - b. Mayor Carpenter is concerned over future police protection due to Louisville Metro's personnel loss.
5. Kelly Taylor passed away over the weekend.
6. Sheepdog Security
 - a. Commission discussed possible reduction in security coverage. Commission considered reducing security coverage but decided to maintain current security levels until warmer months.
7. Code enforcement
 - a. No new issues to report.
8. Commissioner Brotzge
 - a. 4193 Blenheim – no updates
 - i. Commissioner Phillippe called Louisville Metro to report racoons living in the property.
 - b. Construction projects.

- i. Residents at 218 Don Allen are looking to redo their fence. Commissioner Brotzge visited the property and advised residents as to possible issues with property lines and fence ownership.
- 9. City attorney
 - a. No updates yet on the Walmart lighting issues. This issue may be taken off the agenda. Residents are pursuing the matter privately.
 - b. Call with LG&E revealed LG&E will replace fixtures on light poles in the city. Also, they will only replace streetlights with LED lights.
 - i. City would have to pay for the replacement of fixture on top of the pole.
 - ii. New fixtures would shine straight down.
 - iii. Steve Porter will continue discussion with LG&E.
- 10. Commissioner DeVore
 - a. Snow removal
 - i. Snow plowing and salt were done on the day of the recent ice storm.
 - ii. They have not plowed for today's storm, but they will plow overnight.
 - b. Anytime Waste
 - i. Company reported not many cans were set out. Company did eventually pick up.
 - ii. Recycling cans are being set out on the wrong days. Company will throw recycling away if the cans are set out on the wrong days. Collection calendar is on the website. Commission will instruct company to leave recycling set out on an incorrect day.
 - c. Leaf pickup
 - i. Commissioner DeVore investigated the possibility of pickup of leaves off of residents' yards if residents raked them to the side of the street.
 - ii. Leaf pickup would cost \$30,000.00 over the course of eleven weeks.
 - iii. Commission will not pursue city wide, leaf specific pickup.
 - iv. Clerk Sullivan offered to investigate another service from one of his clients.
 - d. Light poles
 - i. Light poles have not been repaired due to cold weather.
 - ii. LG&E will be called to investigate the straightening of the light poles.
- 11. Commissioner Downs
 - a. Working updates for the website. He developed an instructional graphic demonstrating the premise of the lighting ordinance.
- 12. Commissioner Phillipe
 - a. Will become involved in 4193 Blenheim issue.
- 13. Mayor Carpenter
 - a. Re-assigned roles of commissioners.
 - i. Commissioner DeVore is fine with current responsibilities
 - ii. Commissioner Brotzge added tree canopy issues to code enforcement and property improvements.
 - iii. Commissioner Phillipe will take on the gazette, rental registration, lights, roads, and sidewalks
 - iv. Commissioner Downs will take on the website, ordinance postings, Richlawn handbook, and Nextdoor.com
 - b. Lighting ordinance
 - i. 123 Gibson appears to be the only property violating lighting ordinance.

- ii. Other residences are making improvements
 - iii. Mayor Carpenter and Commissioner Brotzge will address issue with the resident.
 - c. Virtual meetings
 - i. May begin in-person meetings next month. Web meeting will be maintained for those uncomfortable with in-person meetings due to Covid.
- 14. Meeting adjournment.
 - a. Meeting adjourned pursuant to Motion made by Commissioner DeVore and second by Commissioner Brotzge. All in favor.