

Richlawn City Commission Minutes

May 16, 2022

1. Resident/Guest Open Forum
 - a. Rae Taylor and Marsha attended.
 - b. Marsha expressed concern of houses not having grass mowed. There are several houses throughout the city are not being mowed regularly.
 - i. House on Hubbards was mowed by Louisville Metro. They will usually back-charge the residents for that mowing.
 - ii. A house on Ledyard is being investigated by Commissioner Phillippe.
 - iii. A house on Heady was overgrown but our Code Enforcement Officer called the realtor in charge of selling the house.
 - iv. Commission is also working on an ordinance for keeping lawns clean and mowed, and to give ourselves some small enforcement power
 - c. Rae Taylor
 - i. Rae came to express concern for the area near the railroad tracks to see if it will continue to be mowed. Commissioner Downs is going over there in the next few days to make sure it is clear and to evaluate the area.
 - ii. Rae suggested the Commission go into executive session to exclude certain people from hearing the discussion such as the City Clerk or City Attorney.
 - iii. Rae asked if the financial statements would be put on the website, and the City Clerk and Commissioner Downs indicated they are planning on doing that and working to have that done in the near future.
2. City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Daniel Sullivan
 - a. We discussed March and April financial statements.
 - i. Everyone who sent in March tax bills got their full discount.
 - ii. Collections are right at where they normally are at this time of year.
 - iii. Cash: ~\$250,000 in cash is being held right now. Additional federal money will be sent in the next few months.
 1. We should be good to discuss how we'll spend the covid money.
 2. Commission still wants to make sure the federal guidelines are set.
 - iv. No major expenses incurred.
 - v. Actual numbers vs. Budget numbers are about equal.
 - vi. Money still exists for the Tree Canopy Program for this year.
 - vii. We owe Greenscapes for mowing and weed control.
 - viii. Remaining expenses are normal month-to-month expenses
 - b. Motion to pay bills made by Commissioner DeVore and Commissioner Phillippe seconded. All voted in favor.

- c. Commission had its first reading of the proposed budget for next fiscal year. Commission will review proposed budget for edits and/or approval at next month's meeting.
 - d. Last month's meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Devore moved to approve them. Commissioner Phillippe seconded. All voted in favor.
- 3. City Attorney
 - a. City Attorney was unable to attend.
- 4. Code Enforcement
 - a. One anonymous complaint about parking which is being investigated. However, the subject of the complaint has children at home from school and the driveway was full – in compliance with the parking ordinance.
 - b. Parking at 4191 Blenheim (house on corner of Hubbards and Blenheim) needs to be investigated. Individual is parking right next to the turn onto Blenheim off Hubbards, creating a dangerous situation.
 - c. 119 Heady grass should be resolved.
 - d. 4193 Blenheim was cited again.
 - e. 215 Heady was cited for pickup truck in the yard. The home is owned by Lynch Realty. The renters are also junking up the back yard creating an issue for the neighbors.
 - f. The Commission expressed interest in cleaning properties and then placing liens on properties for the cost of the maintenance/cleaning.
 - g. Code Enforcement Officer asked to have his contract renewed. Would also include a pay raise to \$350 per month.
- 5. Sheepdog Security – Sgt Tourinho
 - a. Sgt. Tourinho did not attend. Commission expressed continued satisfaction with Sgt. Tourinho's work.
- 6. Commissioner Matthew Brotzge
 - a. Request for privacy fence to replace existing fence at 105 Don Allen. Current footprint will be unchanged.
 - b. Received two complaints about AT&T solicitors without solicitation permits.
 - i. Commissions discussed ways to stop this from happening. Commission will re-alert the residents the solicitation ordinance.
 - c. Commissioner expressed an idea about having an arborist come out to identify trees which may not have much time left and need to be replaced.
- 7. Commissioner Diane DeVore
 - a. Part of the tree which fell on the garage was taken away.
 - b. Lights at the entrance will be completed.
 - c. One shrub at the entrance was hit by a car and may be replaced.
 - d. Hubbards Lane project is prepped to be completed, but there have been no indications when it will start.
- 8. Commissioner Paul Downs
 - a. Website, texting service, and email service is working and up to date.

- b. New website services will be investigated for redoing the website.
- 9. Commissioner Corey Phillippe
 - a. Will put a QR code back out in the Gazette for the City texting service.
 - b. 4193 Blenheim – Metro is moving forward was foreclosing the property.
 - c. 220 Hubbards – called the Metro inspector regarding tall grass. Metro cut the grass.
 - d. Looking for ideas for summer gazette.
 - i. Summer lawn contest and 4th of July parade were suggested along with the soliciting and parking ordinances and the QR code for the text service.
 - e. Contacted Flynn Brothers to repair some of the patch-work jobs on the road where it is beginning to alligator. Commission approved it to get it done this fiscal year.
 - i. Motion to approved pavement repair made by Commissioner DeVore and seconded by Commissioner Phillippe. All voted in favor.
- 10. Mayor Andrew Carpenter
 - a. Mayor read aloud the draft budget ordinance for their first reading prior to next month's final review.
 - b. Mayor read aloud the draft ordinance for tax assessment for next fiscal year prior to next month's approval.
 - c. Suggested a ban on artificial noise devices.
 - d. Reminded Commission about upcoming elections. Residents vote at Wagner, mostly. Some vote elsewhere.
 - e. Fence along shopping center is becoming a non-issue.
- 11. Adjourn Meeting
 - a. Commission DeVore moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Phillippe seconded the motion. All voted in favor.