

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF  
MAYOR-COMMISSION BOARD  
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2022

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on April 26, 2022 at the New Goshen Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Mayor Bryan Dillon, Board members Charlie Gilson, Lynn Grossman, James Coke and Bill Bell. Engineer John Steinmetz, resident Katie Terrance and clerk Katie Buhts.

OCPD Report – In Sgt. Brown’s absence, Katie Buhts summarized the recent thefts from unlocked vehicles. There was one vehicle stolen. It was unlocked and had the keys inside.

Questions/Comments from Residents

Katie Terrance attended the planning meeting in Oldham County today. With this in mind, Mrs. Terrance addressed the board with several concerns:

- What are we gaining from annexing these homes
- Clarification regarding the road bond
- Post-Construction cleanup and the potential negative impact to the area surrounding these new homes
- Detention basin- cleanup post-construction

Mayor Dillon stated that given the estimated size of homes to be built, the annual tax revenue would be in the ballpark of \$6,500. In addition to that, the board expects an increase to our insurance surcharges. Commissioner Lynn Grossman stated if we annex these lots, the residents are required to follow our ordinances. If the city does not annex, these seven lots would likely form an HOA, which is not ideal for city management.

In response to cleanup concerns, Mayor Dillon assured Mrs. Terrance that the board will monitor this area, and pursue action as needed. Commissioner Charlie Gilson addressed the technical aspect of what a detention basin is- and how it functions.

With experience in this field, John Steinitz with Banks engineering responded to questions regarding the road bond. He stated that there should be one bond that addresses the paving the roadway. This is separate from any drainage concerns and bonds associated with the basin.

Minutes – The March 2022 minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer’s Report – The March treasurers report was approved as presented.

Discussion regarding the 2022-2023 proposed budget took place.

The first reading of Ordinance one took place.

The first reading of Ordinance Two took place.

First Reading of Annexation Ordinance – Discussion regarding the annexation took place. The first reading was completed.

### Old Business

Community Pride – Lynn Grossman stated that she is ready to refresh the front island with new annuals this Spring. She spoke with Deibel's Greenhouse and they recommended yellow Lantana. They are drought-tolerant, which will allow the City to use less water in the island.

\$175 last year for begonias, this year, Mrs. Grossman requests approval for \$234 to purchase these flowers. John Turner will pick up the annuals in May and will plant them in the island. At that time, he will remove the pansies. The board unanimously approved the motion to purchase these annuals from Deibel's Greenhouse.

### Drainage Issues

John Steinmetz from Banks Engineering attended to discuss our drainage project. Stated that given our issues, the level of sophistication for engineering is not necessary. Small grading and landscaping contractors. The current bidding climate is unlike anything he's ever seen. As such, Mr. Steinmetz worked to make the bid specs attractive to potential contractors.

We are now to the point to advertise for the bidding. Mr. Steinmetz presented the phases for the upcoming drainage work to be completed in River Bluff. Discussion regarding the bidding process took place.

Mr. Steinmetz addressed the significant erosion along Creekview Road (behind 13306 Creekview Rd). This issue alone would be in the ballpark of \$250k. For this project, the Corps of Engineers will come and identify the work that can and should be done to correct the issues. Charlie Gilson explained that the County may have programs to support the extensive drainage expenses. As we proceed with the drainage repairs, Mr. Gilson will continue to act as liaison between the City of River Bluff and the county as-needed.

The Board unanimously approved publication of the Invitation to Bid Drainage and Landscaping Improvements as modified. Katie Buhts will send the bid solicitation to the Oldham Era. It will be published by May 5, 2022.

3305 Cherry Tree Lane- The board discussed the financial responsibility of maintaining the drainage improvements. The city is financially responsible for repairing the drainage issues along the easement. Katie Terrance will communicate her preferences for landscaping between the date of the meeting and May 18. The city will incur this cost.

Other Old Business – N/A

### **New Business**

Accounts Payable– The board approved the expense John Turner \$450 for stop sign repair at Raintree Court.

Other New Business – Mayor Dillon stated that there is concern that we aren't aware of when new residents move into the city. We could monitor the real estate transactions. Katie will look into this before next month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Buhts, City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: Bryan Dillon, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_