

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF  
MAYOR-COMMISSION BOARD  
MINUTES OF September 27, 2022

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on September 27, 2022 at the Grace & Glory Lutheran Church (formerly New Goshen Presbyterian Church) at 7:30PM.

Attendees:

Residents: Missi and Greg Thomas, John Marstillier, Brad Florer, Greg Tharp, Mike Haas, Ed & Mary Anne Cooke, Paulette & Will Bryant, Mary Jo & Bill Fedou, Tamara & Craig Dykes, Katie Terrance, Bryan Schoenbachler, Rodney & Kathy Burris

Board members Present: Mayor Dillon, Charlie Gilson, Lynn Grossman, Bill Bell, James Coke

Board members absent: None

Appointed Official: Katie Buhts, Clerk

Other Guests: Sgt. Durrett, OCPD

OCPD Report

Sgt. Dwaine Durrett presented the data from the previous month's contracted details. He explained that he is frequently the officer on duty during the morning rush hour. At present time, the police have not seen a trend in speeding or running stop signs. He urged all residents to bring their concerns to any officer patrolling so they can assist as-needed.

Questions/Comments from Residents – The ongoing discussion surrounding dirt bikes on residential property continued. Residents were each given the chance to express their concerns about this, or any, issue. Additionally, Katie Terrance updated the board on the grass replacement as part of the drainage work on her property. All viewpoints were heard and appreciated by the board.

Andy Reynolds, Waste Management—Due to scheduling issues, Andy Reynolds joined the conversation via cell phone. He explained to the board that Waste Management is experiencing significant staffing issues. These shortcomings have unfortunately led to reduced collection in areas. In order to achieve a bulk trash date this Fall, Waste Management offered two, 30-yard dumpsters free of charge.

The board discussed this option. As part of the discussion, the board consulted Sgt. Durrett's opinion for safest placement.

The board agreed to offer the dumpster as a temporary solution to the staffing issue. Katie Buhts will order signage and update the website to communicate the bulk trash day to all residents.

Minutes – The August 2022 minutes were approved as sent.

Treasurer's Report – The August 2022 treasurer's report was approved as presented. The board unanimously approved the amendment to the 2022-2023 Fiscal year taxing ordinance. Katie Buhts

prepared the bills with a due date 11/30/2022, discount date 10/31/2022 and delinquent date 1/31/2023. Mayor Dillon will mail the new bills by 10/1/2022.

## **Old Business**

### Motorbike and ATV on Raintree

As a continuation of the residents' concerns, the board discussed the nuisance on Raintree Court. Mayor Dillon thanked all residents for their participation. At this time, Mayor Dillon stated that he does not think a nuisance ordinance would benefit the city. The board discussed the complexity of this issue at length. While the noise issue is a nuisance to some, the board members also were cautious to insert the City's legal authority into a civil dispute.

As a result of this discussion Lynn Grossman made a motion to table to first reading of the proposed nuisance ordinance at this time. Charlie Gilson seconded this motion.

#### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: Bill Bell

This motion passed by 4:1

### Community Pride

Commissioner Lynn Grossman outlined the Fall island maintenance to the board. She requested approval for Fall pansies in the amount of \$189.

Mrs. Grossman motioned to approve the expenditure of \$189 for the purchase of pansies for John Turner to plant. Charlie Gilson seconded this motion.

#### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Bill Bell, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

Additionally, Mrs. Grossman requested reimbursement for \$7.41 for electrical tape purchased for Art Tobe to use while installing Christmas lights this Fall.

Charlie Gilson motioned to approve this expenditure. James Coke seconded the motion.

#### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Bill Bell, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

The third, and final item discussed was TruGreen's bid to renew their contract. At this time, John Turner is not pleased with the service. As a result, Mrs. Grossman is seeking additional bids and will present her findings at the October meeting.

## Drainage Issues

Commissioner Charlie Gilson provided an update on the work to be completed on Apple Tree lane at Craig Dykes' and Justin Howell's properties. John Turner provided a bid for this work totaling \$1400.

Lynn Grossman motioned to approve the bid and proceed with the drainage improvements. James Coke seconded this motion.

### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Bill Bell, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Additionally, Mr. Gilson outlined the final drainage project on the list for this fiscal year. The work would take place on Ivan Nibur's property. The continued drainage erosion on Mr. Nibur's property is a significant issue and Mr. Gilson urged the board to proceed with the expenditure. Commissioner Bill Bell stated that he will contact the Dept. of Local Gov't to inquire about additional funding.

Charlie Gilson motioned to approve the expenditure of \$10,371.75 with the expectation that Bill Bell will pursue funding in the meantime. Lynn Grossman seconded the motion.

### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: Bill Bell, James Coke

This motion passed 3:2.

City-wide leaf removal – As in year's past, Katie Buhts provided John Turner's schedule for a proposed leaf removal. Due to inflation, Turner's Landscaping can provide city-wide leaf removal for the first 48 homes for \$2500. Each additional home would be \$50; not to exceed a total of \$5000.

James Coke motioned to approve the first leaf removal October 28-29, with the understanding that Oldham County Fall break occurs during that weekend and John Turner would continue to service residents beyond those two dates. Lynn Grossman seconded this motion.

### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Bill Bell, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Accounts Payable

Katie Buhts requested approval for the purchase of an additional roll of stamps to mail the second round of tax bills.

Lynn Grossman motioned to approve this expense. Charlie Gilson seconded.

### Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Bill Bell, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other New Business

James Coke spoke to attendees regarding the upcoming election. Mr. Coke stated that people were upset at the last meeting because the Mayor expressed his intent to fill the open seats in January by appointing two residents. In the past, the Mayor has exercised this duty, but for the 2022 election, Mr. Coke urged anyone who is interested in running for a seat on the board to complete their write-in ballot paperwork by October 28 to become an official candidate.

Mayor Dillon clarified the “write in” procedure.

Adjournment.

Commissioner Lynn Grossman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Gilson seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, James Coke, Charles Gilson, Lynn Grossman

Voting Nay: Bill Bell

This motion passed 41:

The meeting was adjourned.

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

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