

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF
MAYOR-COMMISSION BOARD
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2025

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on January 28, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the New Goshen Presbyterian Church.

Residents: Phillip Stallins, Marsha Hicks, John Hicks, Ed Cooke, Mary Anne Cooke, Lee Stanley, Ben Lancaster

Board members Present: Mayor Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Tom Sheffer

Board members absent: Charlie Gilson

Guests: Officer Bramlett

Appointed Official: Katie Buhts, Clerk

OCPD Monthly Report

At this time, no significant trends are apparent in our area. Officer Bramlett indicated that thefts from unlocked vehicles have not been an issue in this area of Oldham County. He urged all residents to ensure vehicles are locked and valuables are either kept in the trunk or brought inside. Discussion regarding the recent patrols took place.

Questions/Comments from Residents

Resident Phillip Stallins addressed the board regarding the animal control ordinance. He expressed his thoughts on the current ordinance and stated that it seems in line with the historical culture of River Bluff. He informed the board that his pit bull is being rehomed out-of-state and will no longer be a threat in our City.

Marsha Hicks inquired about the change to the Waste Management schedule. Katie Buhts will inquire about the recycling and trash pickup dates and provide an update as soon as possible. John Hicks provided his invoice for a second trash can for Katie Buhts to merge with the City account.

Ed and Mary Anne Cooke were in attendance to stay connected with the City. Mary Anne requested that a line be added to the Waste Management calendar to request that residents bring cans away from the curb within 24 hours of service.

Ben Lancaster and Lee Stanley were in attendance to express interest in the board vacancy.

Minutes of the November meeting Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report for November and December Accepted as submitted.

Board Vacancy Mayor Dillon explained the process of filling the seat that Charlie Gilson will be leaving when their family moves from the City of River Bluff this year. Paulette Bryant, Lynn Grossman and Tom Sheffer expressed that they would like to hear from the two interested parties: Lee Stanley and Ben Lancaster.

Both Mr. Stanley and Mr. Lancaster provide their personal and professional background to all in attendance.

At this time, a decision cannot be made, and action cannot be taken. A vote will take place in the upcoming months when Commissioner Gilson resigns, and the vacancy requires appointment.

Animal Control Ordinance Discussion regarding the changes to the animal control ordinance took place. Katie Buhts presented the items of specific interest including penalties, housing standards and the process to escalate concerns to the county level.

The board discussed concerns regarding tethering dogs in the front yard and the exception of invisible fences. Each board member agreed that verbiage should be added to prohibit front yard tethering but continue to allow dogs to be restrained by an invisible fence in front or back yard. The clerk will make these changes as discussed and provide an update to the board within the week.

Old Business

Community Pride

At this time, no update is needed. The snow and ice have delayed the removal of all holiday décor.

Drainage No new information at this time.

New Residents

Paulette Bryant provided an update on the homes for sale and recent purchases. The homes for sale on Dogwood Court, River Bluff Court and Creekview Road will all receive a welcome gift from the city as the new residents move in. Paulette provided the outdated welcome booklet to Katie Buhts for revision.

Bulk Trash Dumpsters

As a recap from November, Mayor Dillon presented the concerns for public safety that resulted from misuse of the dumpsters this Fall. He shared that it is his desire to discontinue the use of dumpsters for bulk trash removal based on the increasing concerns associated with misuse of the receptacles. Katie Buhts shared that she is working with Waste Management in anticipation for bulk trash concerns. The city franchise agreement with WM currently allows one bulk trash item per week per residence. If the board discontinues the use of dumpsters, a mailer, Facebook post and website update will be ready to communicate the options available to City residents for bulk trash removal.

Other Old Business

None.

New Business

Accounts Payable

- Chism \$331 Annual contract renewal for irrigation system
- KLC \$550 2025 Dues

Lynn Grossman made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Tom Sheffer seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Tom Sheffer

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Lynn Grossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paulette Bryant seconded.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Tom Sheffer

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Buhts, City Clerk

Attested: Bryan Dillon, Mayor