

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF
MAYOR-COMMISSION BOARD
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2024

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on September 24, 2024, at 7:30 PM at the New Goshen Presbyterian Church.

Residents: Scott Karr

Board members Present: Mayor Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, James Coke.

Board members absent: None.

Guests: None.

Appointed Official: Katie Buhts, Clerk

OCPD Monthly Report

In recent weeks, thefts from unlocked vehicles continue to be a growing concern across the county. As always, the officers recommended that we urge residents to lock vehicles and bring valuables inside to deter crime in our city.

Questions/Comments from Residents Scott Karr provided the board with the history and current status of an ongoing animal control concern. The board and Mayor expressed their sympathies for the trauma that the Karr family, and their neighbors, have experienced as a result of the attacks made by Mr. Stallins put bull. After much discussion, the officers from Oldham County Police recommended that Mr. Karr contact the county attorney ASAP to have the vicious animal removed from our City. The board urged Mr. Karr to do the same, and to update the City on the latest information as it becomes available.

Minutes of the September meeting Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report for September and October Accepted as submitted.

Old Business

Community Pride

The Christmas lights are up for the holiday season and all in attendance were pleased with the display this year. Mrs. Grossman presented the need for three new spotlights on the ornamental grasses on the large island. James Coke made a motion to approve up to \$1500 to purchase and have Art Tobe install three (3) color-changing LED lights. Charlie Gilson seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, James Coke

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Grossman presented last year's totals for Fall maintenance, Christmas light installation and removal. Based on the discussion and the \$6000 total from 2023, James Coke moved to approve up to \$6500 for Fall maintenance of the islands, installation of holiday lights and removal/storage at the end of the season. Bryan Dillon seconded this motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, James Coke

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

The board discussed the 2024 holiday lights contest. Three winners will be awarded \$50 Amazon gift cards for Best Traditional, Best Colorful and Best Overall Display. Three signs will be purchased from Guardian Graphics. James Coke moved to approve up to \$200 for the holiday lights contest. Lynn Grossman seconded this motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, James Coke

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Drainage At this time, the only project on the drainage work list is Jack and Yolanda Hollin's property. Katie Buhts will send a letter requesting that the residents attend the January 2025 meeting in order to discuss the project options. Until this occurs, the City cannot complete any work on this project.

New Residents

Paulette Bryant shared that there are currently two homes on the market, but neither have sold at this time.

Animal Control Ordinance

Based on the previous discussion with Mr. Karr, and the advice from Kentucky League of Cities, Katie Buhts will collaborate with Mayor Dillon to revise the current Animal Control Ordinance for the City. The first reading will take place in January 2025.

Bulk Trash Removal

Discussion regarding the October bulk trash took place. Mayor Dillon presented the concerns for public safety that resulted from misuse of the dumpsters this Fall. Mayor Dillon made a motion to discontinue the dumpsters for bulk trash removal, beginning in April 2025. This discussion was tabled until January 2025 when our new board member joins the discussion.

Other Old Business

None.

New Business

Accounts Payable

- B Sign Group \$85 Stop Sign Repair
- Honeywick LLC \$67.58 Website Maintenance
- Art Tube \$915 Mowing/ weeding two months

Charlie Gilson moved to approve the accounts payable. Lynn Grossman seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Swearing in of Elected Officials

Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, and Lynn Grossman took their oath of office for the term beginning January 1, 2025.

Other New Business

Mayor Dillon proposed a 15% raise for City Clerk, Katie Buhts. This will raise her monthly rate from \$925 to \$1063.75. James Coke made a motion to approve this raise. Charlie Gilson seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, James Coke

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Paulette Bryant moved to cancel the December 24, 2024 regularly scheduled City meeting. James Coke seconded this motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson, James Coke

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Before adjourning, Mayor Dillon thanked James Coke for his years of dedicated service to the City. Everyone on the board and the City Clerk shared their thanks for James' dedication as well. He has served our City well for four years, and all are grateful for his time on the board.

There being no further business, James Coke made his final motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Grossman seconded.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Paulette Bryant, Charlie Gilson

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Buhts, City Clerk

Attested: Bryan Dillon, Mayor