

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF  
MAYOR-COMMISSION BOARD  
MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2025

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on April 22, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the New Goshen Presbyterian Church.

Residents: John Hicks, Marsha Hicks, Ben Lancaster

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

Board members absent: None.

Guests: None.

Appointed Official: Katie Buhts, Clerk

OCPD Monthly Report

At this time, an officer was not available to present the monthly report.

Questions/Comments from Residents

No questions or comments were shared.

Minutes of the March meeting Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report for March Accepted as submitted.

First Reading of the Budget Ordinance (Ordinance 2, Series 2025) – Katie Buhts presented two versions of the 2025-2026 budget. One version included yard waste removal service from Waste Management, the other version did not include yard waste service. The board discussed yard waste service at length. Significant consideration was given to the issue.

Mayor Dillon made a motion to engage Waste Management for yard waste removal for \$4.00 per month per residence, if and only if, each and every residence is given a dedicated yard waste cart from WM. Lynn Grossman seconded this motion.

Rollcall Vote

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

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

First reading of the Taxing Ordinance (Ordinance 3, Series 2025) took place.

## **Old Business**

### Community Pride

Lynn Grossman provided a recap of the perennials purchased at Starview Nursery last spring. Of the 22 shasta daisies and 14 dianthus planted last year (2024), only eight daisy plants survived the winter. Katie Buhts will contact Starview to see if a credit can be issued for the 16 daisies that died, and the 14 dianthus.

Lynn Grossman made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 on annuals, perennials and the installation for this spring. Paulette Bryant seconded the motion.

### Rollcall Vote

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

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

The spotlights for the ornamental grasses have not been installed. Mrs. Grossman will provide an update as Art Tobe completes this work.

Drainage Tom Sheffer provided an update on three current projects. The Brost property on Apple Tree Lane is experiencing issues after the significant rain. The county engineer inspected the property and provided this recommendation:

- 1) Backfill the small void in the vicinity of the storm sewer manhole with concrete, gravel, and earth, in order to create a plug without excavation.
- 2) Redistribute the riprap so standing water may flow uninterrupted to the outfall.

The second issue of concern is at 3410 River Bluff Road (resident Melissa Ohara). The resident provided an estimate for repair along her drainage culvert. At this time, Tom recommends that we involve the county engineer for their expertise on the matter and proceed with Temple & Temple as the contractor if recommendations are made.

The final issue discussed was in regards to the Hollin property. Mr. Sheffer is working diligently to review this project and will proceed appropriately, while communicating progress to the board.

Katie Buhts presented an information packet about the National Flood Insurance Program from the Division of Water (DOW). After hearing Alex VanPelt, representative from the DOW, present at the KMCA Spring Conference, Mrs. Buhts obtained information about this program. It could potentially benefit the residents of River Bluff during seasons of tremendous flooding. All members of the board agreed that it would be beneficial for a representative from the DOW to attend our regularly scheduled meeting in June.

The first reading of the National Flood Insurance Program for the City of River Bluff, (Ordinance 4, Series 2025) took place.

### New Residents

Paulette Bryant provided an update on the property on River Bluff Court. It was under contract, then off the market, and at this time there has not been any further movement. The home at 13200 Creekview Road is under contract at this time, 13205 Creekview Road is for sale, and 13206 Creekview Road is up for auction.

### Other Old Business

Paulette Bryant reported that the vacant home at 13408 Apple Tree Lane has an overgrown lawn again this spring. The board discussed the options for maintaining this vacant property. Katie Buhts will contact the county and see what action can be taken. In the meantime, Tom Sheffer made a motion to hire Dax Copeland to mow the property every other week for \$75 (front and back yard). Paulette Bryant seconded the motion.

### Rollcall Vote

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

Voting Nay:

This motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

#### Accounts Payable

• USPS	1 Roll of Stamps	\$73.00
• Honeywick	IT Services	\$157.68
• Office Depot	Conference Binder Supplies	\$41.63

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.

The board voted unanimously to cancel the May 2025 city meeting.

There being no further business, Bryan Dillon 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