

CITY OF RIVER BLUFF
MAYOR-COMMISSION BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on September 23, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Goodness Grows Cooperative

Residents: John and Marsha Hicks, Ben Lancaster, Catherine Burris

Board members Present: Mayor Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Tom Sheffer, Lee Stanley

Board members absent: Paulette Bryant

Guests: None.

Appointed Official: Katie Buhts, Clerk

Questions/Comments from Residents

John Hicks asked about the property that was sold at auction near the end of Creekview and Cherry Tree. Currently, the owner is not known to the City. Mayor Dillon addressed this and Katie Buhts stated that she mailed a letter to the address on the deed exchange. At this time, no further information is known.

Discussion regarding a turn-around at the end of Creekview and Cherry Tree took place. This has been an ongoing discussion for years, but the City does not have rights to the land to take any action.

Minutes of the August meeting Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report Katie Buhts presented the fiscal year end recap for June 2025. The reports for July and August were accepted as presented.

Old Business

Community Pride Lynn Grossman brought up the front island pansies that the City has been planting in the fall for many years. During the last several years, the increased deer population has eaten, damaged and pulled up these plants before they can really become established. Mrs. Grossman suggested two options to this problem. (1) Plant the pansies and spray them with a deer repellent for several weeks. This option requires additional expenses and labor. (2) Do not plant the pansies this fall – possibly plant them in the spring. Following a discussion of the possibilities, the board recommended we skip planting pansies this fall and revisit planting them in the spring.

Discussion regarding the Halloween/Fall decorating contest took place. This will be the Third Annual Fall Decorating Contest. There will be three (3) categories again this year:

1. Not So Scary
2. Scariest
3. Overall Fall

This year, winners will once again receive \$50 Amazon gift cards as prizes.

Lynn Grossman moved to approve up to \$300 for the purchase of yard signs and gift cards for the fall decorating contest. Tom Sheffer seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Tom Sheffer, Lee Stanley

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

Drainage Tom Sheffer presented two significant drainage projects in the City. First, a drainage ditch and French drain at 3410 River Bluff Road (Melissa Ohara). The project estimate was \$4611. After considerate discussion, the board will pursue a third bid on this property to ensure the best use of the city's resources.

The second project will take place in October. Temple & Temple will bring their jetter truck to clear drainage culverts in the City. The estimate total for an 8-hour workday totals \$4520. Tom Sheffer made a motion to approve this bid. Lynn Grossman seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Tom Sheffer, Lee Stanley

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

New Residents Katie Buhts provided the new residents on behalf of Paulette Bryant:

13305 Creekview – attempted to deliver the welcome gift six times. Finally left the gift on their doorstep as a final effort.

13307 Creekview – Delivered a gift to new resident Kristin Nelson, who has three children.

13408 Apple Tree Lane – On the market for \$350,000

13206 Creekview is an auction property (Spencer's) that is presently vacant and undergoing repairs.

Leaf Removal Katie Buhts presented a proposal to the board for Steve Cooper to complete the work. The City will pay a \$3000 deposit for two separate leaf removal service dates and \$65 for each residence after the first 45 residences. This is the same rate as 2024. This year, Steve Cooper will decide service dates by 10/26/2025 and 11/23/2025. In the event of inclement weather, the city will delay or reschedule one time. If rainy/snowy weather occurs on the new service date, that round of leaf removal will be canceled.

Lee Stanley made a motion to approve this expenditure. Lynn Grossman seconded this motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Tom Sheffer, Lee Stanley

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

New Business

Accounts Payable

Check Depot	\$129.39	1,000 Checks
Lynn Grossman	\$14.82	Reimbursement request- electrical tape for holiday lights

Tom Sheffer made a motion to approve the expenses. Lee Stanley seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Tom Sheffer, Lee Stanley

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

Other New Business Lynn Grossman presented the idea of having city flags on the light posts lining River Bluff Road. This would serve as an alternative to spending money on new holiday bows. Katie Buhts shared this idea with Mrs. Grossman because this year or next the city will incur the expense of replacing the red bows that line River Bluff Road during the holiday season. Lee Stanley volunteered to research the cost for this project and will present his findings at the October meeting.

There being no further business, Tom Sheffer made a motion to adjourn. Lee Stanley seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

Voting Yea: Bryan Dillon, Lynn Grossman, Tom Sheffer, Lee Stanley

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote