

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

The Mayor-Commission Board for the City of River Bluff met on October 28, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Goodness Grows Cooperative

Residents: Phil Heard

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

Board members absent: None.

Guests: Officer Ernst, OCPD

Appointed Official: Katie Buhts, Clerk

Oldham County Police Report

Officer Ernst discussed current trends they are seeing in the area. At this time, residents in Oldham County are locking vehicles and as a result, the criminal activity surrounding thefts from unlocked vehicles is not a threat at the moment.

Questions/Comments from Residents

Resident Phil Heard addressed the Board regarding an ongoing issue with a sewage pump located in Scott Karr's front yard. He noted that the problem has persisted for approximately five years, with multiple unsuccessful repair attempts during that time. Discussion followed regarding potential public health risks, possible system-wide failures, and the broader impact on surrounding properties.

Mayor Dillon provided background information on the sewage facility's ownership, historical capacity concerns, and recent efforts undertaken by himself and Katie Buhts to address the issue. In the coming days, Ms. Buhts will contact the County Engineer for a follow-up discussion regarding the sewage concerns. The City will inquire about the feasibility of conducting a third-party line test, as well as soil and water testing. While the sewage facility is privately owned and the City does not hold ownership of the associated easements, pipes, or the facility itself, the City will continue to coordinate with Bluegrass Water and relevant government agencies to assist in resolving the matter.

Minutes of the September meeting Accepted as submitted.

Minutes of the special meeting on September 29, 2025 Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report Accepted as presented. Katie Buhts updated the board that the fiscal year ending 6/30/2025 report was filed with the Dept. of Local Government this month.

Old Business

Community Pride Lynn Grossman discussed the annuals and the availability of pansies for Spring. At this time, no action was needed.

Mrs. Grossman commended Paulette Bryant on the excellent community engagement with the recent Halloween decorating contest! All in attendance agreed that this tradition is a great addition to the City of River Bluff.

Discussion regarding trick-or-treat hours took place. The City's official hours will be 6-9PM on Halloween night.

Drainage Tom Sheffer provided an update on the recent culvert jetting project at the Ohara drainage easement. He coordinated with Temple & Temple to address several drainage concerns throughout the city. The culvert connecting the Ohara and Hacker properties remains blocked by roots that require removal. Mr. Sheffer will obtain an estimate from Temple & Temple for the root removal and present it to the Board for approval.

New Residents Paulette Bryant provided an update on several properties in the City that are pending, for sale and awaiting new residents. At this time, no action is needed.

Leaf Removal The November leaf removal will take place on 11/24/2025.

New Business

Accounts Payable None

Other New Business Lee Stanley presented a proposal for new holiday banners to be displayed along River Bluff Road on each lamp post. The Board discussed design options, installation plans, and other details related to the new décor.

Tom Sheffer made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 for the initial investment in fourteen (14) double-sided banners (36" x 24") and the necessary installation hardware. Paulette Bryant seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote

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

Voting Nay: None.

This motion passed by unanimous vote

The board wished Mayor Bryan Dillon a very Happy Birthday!

There being no further business, Lee Stanley made a motion to adjourn. 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