

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Rolling Fields City Commission
6:30 p.m. at 2nd Presbyterian Church
June 10, 2010

Those Present: Mayor Bill Conway, Commissioners Beth Moffett, Carolyn Wetterer, Sheila Oliver, Cliff Krawiec, Clerk Rachel Schrepferman

Police Report: Chief Spratt submitted his report via email (archived with Mayor Conway). Discussion regarding burglary on Rolling Lane ensued. IHPD will no longer patrol the Louisville Country Club, as it has been turned over to Metro Police Department. The City of Indian Hills will absorb the small police department deficit, so there will be no budget adjustment for Rolling Fields or Mockingbird Valley.

May Minutes: Commissioner Beth Moffett moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Carolyn Wetter seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. In discussion of the May Minutes, Sheila Oliver stated that in her old neighborhood, the homeowner was responsible for the upkeep of the sidewalks on a square foot basis. She did not believe that the City of Rolling Fields was actually responsible for repairing Mrs. Herrmann's sidewalk. The actual cost was less of a concern than the precedent being set. Mayor Bill Conway will consult with John Singler, city attorney, regarding our legal obligation for the sidewalk. Mayor Conway assumed that it was the responsibility of the municipality.

Neighborhood Development:

Lot has been sold near Frank Yang's home at the end of Country Lane. The buyers are moving from Mockingbird Gardens.

Bauer Property Update:

Mayor Bill Conway has reached out to Mayor Tom Eifler in Indian Hills regarding the Bauer development. Information was received from Russell Romine of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet stipulating that the funds were given to Metro Louisville for completion of the project. The timeline for the construction to begin will be in 6 - 12 months. Resident Danny Tafel is attempting to negotiate landscaping and other aspects of the development with the parties representing the Bauer interests. He does so as a citizen, not as a representative of the City of Rolling Fields.

Treasurer's Report:

Report presented by Mayor Conway in lieu of Joanna Nugent, as she was unable to attend the meeting. Raising taxes can only be accomplished in 4% increments. Current tax rate is 15.3%. There is some concern about reassessments and lower revenue that would ensue. In order to protect the services, it is in the best interest to make a .005% increase (approximately \$50/household). There is not a current need to spend this money so it will be escrowed in a "Rainy Day" Fund. This Fund could be used to have a

visioning plan as a plan B for the Bauer development. Commissioner Oliver said that she doesn't think that we can spend taxpayer money for such a large expense without citizen approval. She would like to have a referendum to decide if the residents would like to have additional tax money spent on this project. Commissioner Wetterer is uncomfortable earmarking money for such a specific project and if our residents will realize a true benefit from the increase in taxes. Mayor Conway stated that the second priority of the fund would be to protect our services.

Commissioner Wetterer suggested that the money be put into a Discretionary Fund to be used as the Commission sees fit, whether it is a vision plan for the Bauer property or delivering services. Commissioner Oliver suggested that the Discretionary Fund would be used to maintain properties in City. Commissioner Moffett remains unmoved that the Bauer interests are open to changes in their existing plan. Commissioner Krawiec does not want to raise taxes, but there is a benefit to having a Discretionary Fund for a multitude of purposes.

The one change to the first budget is to raise taxes and establish a Discretionary Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) for the needs of the Commission. Mayor Conway requested a motion to approve the budget that reflects the tax increase. Commissioner Oliver moved to approve the budget with amendments. Commissioner Krawiec seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Weekend Contracting and Neighborhood Disturbances:

Commissioner Krawiec presented a specific incident regarding the property adjacent to his on Country Lane (report with specifics as well as Metro and City of Rolling Fields ordinances given and is placed in archives with Mayor Conway). There is a need to tighten the City of Rolling Fields ordinances regarding contracting hours, noise and neighborhood disturbances. Commissioner Oliver stated there is a need to tighten the regulations pertaining to rental properties and absentee ownership.

Commissioner Krawiec motioned to write an ordinance that will set specific times for construction and landscaping services with a homeowner exemption. Commissioner Moffett seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Mayor Conway will contact John Singler to write the ordinance draft.

MSD Project:

Mayor Conway reported that the MSD project is back on schedule with a new project manager.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned with motion and unanimous vote at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Schrepferman
Clerk, Rolling Fields