

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Rolling Fields City Commission
6:30 p.m. at 2nd Presbyterian Church
June 15, 2011

Those Present: Mayor Bill Conway, Commissioners Beth Moffett, Cliff Krawiec, Carolyn Wetterer, Sheila Oliver, Treasurer Joanna Nugent, Rolling Fields resident Susan Simpson, and Clerk Rachel Schrepferman.

Police Report: The May police report was presented to the Commission by Mayor Conway in Chief Spratt's absence. There are no new crime trends or incidences to report in Rolling Fields. The monthly police report was added to the minutes.

May Minutes: Commissioner Carolyn Wetterer moved to approve the May minutes and Commissioner Beth Moffett seconded the motion. The minutes from May were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nugent reviewed the Treasurer's Report that was added to the minutes. Mayor Conway led a discussion about the annual budget and the differences between budgeted numbers and actual numbers in each category. A second reading of the 2011-12 budget ensued.

Commissioner Cliff Krawiec moved to approve Ordinance 11-1 that lowers the tax rate for the City of Rolling Fields to 15.3 cents per \$100 valuation; tax bills will reflect a 4% discount if paid before December 1, 2011 and a penalty of 15% to all bills unpaid as of December 31, 2011; proceeds will be used for general operating expenses of the City. Commissioner Carolyn Wetterer seconded the motion and the ordinance was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Carolyn Wetterer moved to approve Ordinance 11-2 that adopts the annual budget for the City of Rolling Fields for the fiscal year of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Beth Moffett seconded the motion and the ordinance was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Sheila Oliver moved to approve Ordinance 11-3 that allows for a pay raise for the Rolling Fields Treasurer to \$200/month. Commissioner Carolyn Wetterer seconded the motion and the ordinance was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Vacancy

Residents Randy Phillips and Danny Tafel have indicated a strong interest in serving on the Commission. Commissioner Oliver needs to submit a letter of resignation and the Commission must act within 30 days of her resignation. Mayor Conway will speak specifically with the interested residents and a vote will occur at the July meeting. Commissioner Wetterer moved to have the next meeting at another location as a going away party for Commissioner Oliver at Tumbleweed. Commissioner Beth Moffett seconded it. The date and time will be determined later.

City Right-of Way

A tree came down at the median of Swing Lane (toward the cemetery) and Mayor Conway consulted with John Singler regarding debris clean-up in this “no-man’s land”. He found out that the City of Rolling Fields owns a 30 foot right-of-way on Swing Lane (15 feet, both sides from the centerline). Likewise, down Canoe Lane (and most of the other city streets, the City right-of-way is 20 feet. This right-of-way is maintained for utility easements and is generally maintained by residents although it is technically City right-of-way property.

With this in mind, Commissioner Cliff Krawiec moved to have the City clean up the areas within the City that have curbs with ruts and ditches worn by erosion. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the motion. Mayor Conway will cost out beautification options and send a letter prior to the residents affected by this maintenance to ask their cooperation in maintaining the sod or grass seed.

Commissioner Oliver suggested a curb that is flush with the road with creek stone and mortar rather than raised curbs. There are many different ways of having curbs and the Commission should investigate the options. This issue should be considered when the roads are redone.

The various pull-offs in front of houses are technically illegal as they are situated on City owned property.

A discussion was held regarding the replacement of street signs and/or adding brackets to them instead. It was determined that we would price out the cost of replacing all signs and adding a bracket to the existing signs. Treasurer Joanna Nugent is going to make a list of actual lamps that require cleaning or repair.

LG&E gas lines on Basswood

Mayor Conway indicated that LG&E is going to be replacing gas lines on Basswood Lane and Old Brownsboro Road. The lines will be replaced and the streets will be repaved after the work is complete. The correspondence between LG&E and Mayor Conway regarding the project was submitted to the report.

Mayor Conway indicated that MSD has proposed to replace the drainage ditch on Canoe Lane. Mayor Conway will remain vigilant with the MSD through this process.

Resident Comment:

Rolling Fields resident Susan Simpson addressed the Commission as a follow-up to her comments to the Commission in March. She expressed remaining concerns with some of the following issues:

Some curbs have eroded and are in need of repair; Some areas that need curbs don’t have them and should. Mayor Conway stated that roll-up curbs were installed long ago by MSD to address drainage issues which explains why some intersection corners have

curbs while others do not. He contacted a private contractor about cost of finishing curbs (examples include Pennington and Club Lanes intersection would be approximately \$4,000; intersection of Fairway and Country would be \$2,670). The existing rolled curbs are not used as an aesthetic enhancement but are used for drainage only.

Ms. Simpson commented that the stop sign on Canoe did not look to have been painted. The Mayor asked her to check it again and report back if it had not.

Mayor Conway reported that Crocus resident Sherrill Scheid also called about the lack of maintenance on backyard properties along Canoe. Mayor Conway agreed to send letters to residents who have these properties as a reminder. He also suggested that residents may collectively contract with a landscape company and contribute proportionately to the clean-up.

Newsletter: The newsletter will go out in the middle of July following the 4th of July parade and picnic.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Krawiec with a second from Commissioner Moffett. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise changed to accommodate dinner honoring Commissioner Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Schrepferman
Clerk, Rolling Fields