

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of Rolling Fields City Commission

6:30 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2014

**Those present:** Mayor Bill Conway, Treasurer Joanna Nugent, Commissioners Beth Moffett and Carolyn Wetterer, Chief Kelly Spratt, Clerk Barker Price and resident Tom Nugent .

**April Police Report:** Chief Kelly Spratt advised that there had been a small increase in the number of police incidents in April. Chief Spratt discussed a burglary on Swing Lane and a separate Theft of Identity (fraudulent IRS tax filing for a refund). He noted that there have been three reported Identity Thefts within the population served by the Indian Hills Police Department and advised that this number seems somewhat high. Mayor Conway asked about the plan to highlight and curtail speeding. Chief Spratt advised that the city's radar speed sign is currently deployed in Indian Hills and that he plans to post a police cruiser in a driveway on Club Lane in the near future.

**April Minutes:** The April minutes were approved with two name corrections. Commissioner Wetterer moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Moffett seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

#### **Rolling Fields Proposed Ordinance No. 14-1 and 14-1A - Regulation of Peddlers:**

Mayor Conway presented two related ordinances for a First Reading. Both ordinances are structured to regulate door-to-door sales and peddlers. Ordinance 14-1 is a detailed regulation that utilizes the same general language as used by Louisville METRO government. Ordinance 14-1A is an abbreviated version of the longer ordinance. The key provision of both ordinances is that peddlers who have received a valid METRO permit are allowed to solicit sales within Rolling Fields. Commissioner Wetter pointed out that, while Ordinance 14-1 will make it more difficult for peddlers to do business in the city, it may also result in a considerable amount of additional oversight and management by Rolling Fields. After further discussion, Mayor Conway advised that more work needed to be done on the two ordinances and that they should both be tabled. The Commission concurred.

#### **Rolling Fields Proposed Ordinance No. 14-02 – Ad Valorem Tax for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015:**

Mayor Conway presented Ordinance No. 14-02 for a First Reading. The ordinance proposes a new fiscal year property tax rate of \$14.0 cents per \$100.00 valuation of real property as assessed by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator on January 1, 2014. The new tax rate represents an increase of \$.5 cents over the previous year's rate. The increase is due primarily to an increase in budget expense for Police Protection. The ordinance also provides for a 5% discount for early payment and a penalty of 15%, plus interest, on late payments, the same percentages as currently in

place. The Commission discussed the ordinance and agreed to have a final reading and approval vote at the June Commission meeting.

**Rolling Fields Proposed Ordinance No. 14-03 – Annual Budget:**

Mayor Conway presented Ordinance No. 14-03 for a First Reading. The ordinance proposes a new annual city budget for fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Treasurer Nugent advised that the 2104/15 Budget totals \$246,605, relative to a 2013/14 Budget total of \$241,217.

**2013/14 Budget Discussion:**

In advance of discussions regarding the new fiscal year budget, Treasurer Nugent provided an overview of the current 2013-14 budget, noting that the city's revenue is currently \$3,019 unfavorable to budget. Items impacting the final revenue figure include:

- A. Insurance tax revenue is currently \$2,583 unfavorable to budget. However, additional insurance tax revenues are due before the end of the fiscal year.
- B. Additional Property tax revenues are also expected.

Treasurer Nugent noted that several expenditure items are favorable to budget, resulting in a current net budget surplus of \$1,083.

The Road Fund currently has a \$299,016 surplus, which is expected to cover the projected costs for new curbing, street drainage/repair, and for the planned city repaving project this year.

**2014/15 Budget Discussion:**

Mayor Conway advised that there will be no increase in the Sanitation budget for the new fiscal year. Additionally, the sanitation provider has offered to hold the current rate if the city will commit to a contract for the period 2015-2017. The commission discussed this opportunity but decided to take no further action on the proposal at this time.

Commissioner Wetterer noted that she has fielded questions for multiple residents who are interested in having the city's recycling costs included in the budget rather than to continue with the individual-pay program currently in place. The commission discussed the possibility of setting up a citywide survey to evaluate interest in including recycling in the budget. Mayor Conway noted that, if such a plan were enacted, the resultant additional cost would probably create a budget increase in excess of 4%, which is the allowed limit without holding a citywide vote. After further discussion, the Commission agreed that the subject of possible city-funded recycling should be added as a discussion bullet point in an upcoming newsletter.

Commissioner Wetter noted the unfavorable balance for Snow and Ice removal in the current year budget and suggested that the new budget allocation for this service be increased. It was noted that the winter of 2013/14 was particularly harsh, and that historical costs for Snow and Ice removal indicate that the planned \$3,000 budget should be adequate.

Commissioner Wetter asked for an update on the paving project for 2014. Mayor Conway advised that the Flynn Brothers quote was virtually unchanged, and that the project would get underway as soon as the contractor schedules us. He noted that the

work should take approximately one week to compete. Mayor Conway also advised that he is planning to send out a letter to residents confirming the details of the plan to provide for "pull off" paving to be done at the homeowner's expense, with no exposure to the City.

**New Business:** It was noted that there have been recent complaints by residents about roofers working late into the evening. Mayor Conway advised that this point will be addressed in the next Rolling Fields newsletter.

**Old Business:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Wetterer and a second from Commissioner Moffett.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barker Price  
Clerk, Rolling Fields