

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of Rolling Fields City Commission

6:30 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church  
January 13, 2014

**Those present:** Mayor Bill Conway, Commissioners Beth Moffett, David Dunn, Danny Tafel, Treasurer Johanna Nugent, and Clerk Barker Price. Michael Hardesty was a guest speaker during the first part of the meeting.

**Neighborhood Issue:** Michael Hardesty provided the commission with his observation that there were too many speeding cars on the section of Club Lane from Basswood Lane to Country Lane. He suggested that the installation of speed bumps might be in order. The commission discussed the issue of speeding on this street and other Rolling Fields streets. Chief Kelly Spratt suggested that he could bring in a radar trailer to monitor and display speeds. He also suggested the selective placement of a manned Indian Hills Police cruiser in various driveways as a further deterrence. Commissioner Tafel and Mayor Conway said that action of some type was warranted. It was suggested that the installation of a radar/camera station might catch additional speeders. Chief Spratt was not comfortable with the use of a camera system because of its intrusive nature. Mayor Conway suggested that it might be best to move forward with Chief Spratt's proposal to set up the cities' radar trailer on Club Lane, and to selectively place a police cruiser in various driveways in the area. He further suggested that if this does not prove to be effective, then the city could consider the installation of bumps. An ordinance would need to be approved for this purpose. It was agreed to move forward with this course of action. Mayor Conway also noted that all city residents would be advised that the 25 MPH speed limit for Rolling Fields will be more strictly enforced in the future.

**December Police Report:** Chief Kelly Spratt advised that January had been a relatively calm period. Several burglaries were reported. Chief Spratt detailed recent police department activities to identify and prosecute offenders. He noted that there were a number of active cases currently being pursued. Commissioner Dunn asked for details about the more recent burglaries. Chief Spratt advised that jewelry and silver were most usually targeted during neighborhood robberies. He said that in many burglary cases, the homeowners had alarm systems, but they had not been turned on. Also, doors had been left unlocked in some of the cases. Commissioner Tafel noted that the camera system at Rite Aid had apparently been very successful. It was noted that Riverwood had installed neighborhood surveillance cameras with good success. Indian Hills is also studying the use of cameras. Chief Spratt advised that home burglaries could best be prevented by the use of surveillance systems, locking doors, dogs, and general exterior lighting. Mayor Conway advised that this information will be provided to all residents.

**December Minutes:** The January minutes were approved with no corrections. Commissioner Moffett moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

**Committies:** Mayor Conway asked for a discussion of previously suggested plans to establish standing committees for Rolling Fields. The logic would be to have the various committees work through specific details, so that firm recommendations could be brought before the entire commission for review and approval. A proposed list of committees was discussed as follows:

Finance: Mayor Conway, Treasurer Nugent and Clerk Price.

Public Works (including curbing and drainage): Commissions Tafel, Dunn, Mayor Conway and Sandy Nugent (resident).

Communications: Commissioners Tafel, Wetterer, and Hill Harcourt (resident)

Events:

Commission Tafel suggested that contractors doing business with Rolling Fields should not be included on any of the committees.

After a general discussion, it was agreed to move forward with the establishment of the new committees.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Joanna Nugent provided the commission with updated financial reports for the first half of the year, including a P&L Statement, Balance Sheet, and Transaction Detail by Account sheet. She led the group through a discussion of the Budget Comparison – Actual vs. Budget report, noting the following variances:

Revenue:

Insurance taxes – On track

Building permits – Under budget. It was agreed that more enforcement was needed.

Expenditures:

Tree program – Under budget Most planting will be coming later this spring.

Website Development – Over budget

Picnic/Parade – Under budget

In total, the city is \$8,481 under budget for the first half of the year.

The road fund was discussed in some detail. Commissioner Dunn asked why the city has multiple road fund bank accounts. Mayor Conway and Treasurer Nugent explained that various bank accounts were established at different times, as funds came in from the city and state, to secure the best possible interest rates. Commissioner Tafel and Mayor Conway provided a summary of long term plans to repave all city roads. The last full repaving project in Rolling Fields was 30-40 years ago. Mayor Conway explained

that the commission had approved a plan last year to have all of the roads done at one time, probably later this year. The Road Fund balance is currently \$304,000, with approximately \$260,000 of this earmarked for resurfacing the city roads.

Treasurer Nugent also noted that the city's lock box has been moved from Fifth Third Bank to PNC. Thought the new lock box is somewhat more expensive, it offers a number of significant benefits to the city.

**Curbing and Drainage Report:** Commissioner Tafel provided a detailed summary of progress and payments to date relating to the new curbing and drainage project. He noted that \$15,810, or slightly less than half of the total \$35,000 budget, had been used so far, with approximately 46% of the planned upgrades now complete. The curbing committee has been pleased with the quality of work provided by the contractor to date.

**New Business:**

Commissioner Dunn advised that he had talked with Steve Lannert regarding the development of the Bauer property on Brownsboro Road. According to Steve, the new Mesh Restaurant is moving ahead as planned, though bad weather has pushed groundbreaking back somewhat. Commissioner Tafel said that he had recently talked with Skee Bauer and learned that the second planned doctors' center deal has fallen apart. He said that Skee was currently focused on getting the Mesh Restaurant project up and running.

Commissioner Moffett brought up the subject of an unsolicited proposal from Five Sapling to provide the neighborhood with tree inspection services. The company had offered to meet with city officials. The commission agreed that no such meeting should take place, noting that any city-sponsored contract would need to be competitively bid. Also, since all but one of the trees in the neighborhood are privately owned, the commission agreed that tree service should remain as a homeowner matter.

**Old Business:**

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Dunn and a second from Commissioner Tafel.

Respectfully submitted,

Barker Price  
Clerk, Rolling Fields