

City of Blue Ridge Manor

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CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2012

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 26, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on February 27th, 2012 at the Middletown Fire Department, Division 2. The meeting came to order at 7:00pm, Mayor Mike Ober presiding.

The following were present:

Mike Ober, Mayor
Hans Klose – Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Gramig, City Clerk
Robert Carter, City Treasurer
Julie Colucci – Commissioner

Porter Lady -- Commissioner
Carla Kreitman - Commissioner
Art Sims – Blue Ridge Manor
Brad Oser – Battalion Chief – Middletown Fire Dept
Jarred W. Taylor – Old Dorsey Place

January Minutes Approval

Having distributed the January minutes and read by the Commission prior to the meeting, Mayor Ober asked for any corrections or objections. Since none were given, Porter Lady made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. Julie Colucci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Bob Carter related to the Commission that the new format for reporting the financial status is now in place. He reviewed the new breakdown with this month's report. He also gave an update on property taxes collected. The City has accounted for and collected previously unreported property taxes of approximately \$11,000.00 and hopefully will complete this process by next month's meeting. Porter Lady made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's report. Hans Klose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Ober introduced Battalion Chief Bradley Oser from the Middletown Fire Protection District. Chief Bradley commented on Spring Safety Tips that could also be found on the Middletown Fire Department website. Briefly, Chief Bradley commented on just a few of these.

- Batteries in the home alarms should be checked periodically. If anyone needs assistance, please contact the Fire station and someone would be happy to assist.
- During stormy weather power lines could possibly be down. Be aware of this situation and notify the Fire Department as soon as possible.
- During a power shortage some of your neighbors may be using generators. Be sure and check on them periodically to ensure their safety from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Chief Oser reassured the City that they could always contact them for any information or needs that may occur. Mayor Ober thanked Chief Oser for coming to the meeting. Mayor Ober also requested that this information become a part of the City Newsletter Spring Edition.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Collection Update

Mayor Ober reported that as of date, 61 taxpayers have not paid their current taxes. Letters will be sent to each taxpayer. The PVA sent out forms to be completed by the City confirming the accuracy of those residents listed owing taxes. The City was to respond in order for this information to be certified. The City did not respond due to the letter that was sent by PVA could not be located. On this same situation, the Mayor also received approximately 50 calls that commented on the tax notice mailed to them was either inaccurate or the Notice was the first acknowledgement of it being owed by them. The Mayor commented that the problem with this issue has been identified and resolved.

Street Signs Update

Julie Colucci located a sign company, Eagle Sign and Design, that she felt could give us the type of signs that would work well within the City budget. Their representative, John Shircliffe will draw up definite sketches and will present them at the March Monthly meeting. Stan Chauvin, commented that this company also furnished all the signs in the City of Hollow Creek and there were no complaints from the residents on their work.

Parking Lot Update

Mayor reported that all the permits for this project have been signed and the appropriate Metro Agencies have been contacted and there should be no delays to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Compilation of Ordinances

Stan Chauvin stated that Ordinances 1 – 7, series 2011 have been approved. The ordinances now being drafted for Series 2012 will be:

- Ordinance #1 - Series 2012 – Meeting Ordinance
- Ordinance #2 – Series 2012 – Premises Ordinance (just needs to be signed)
- Ordinance #3 – Series 2012 – Commercial Maintenance Ordinance – Mayor Ober gave the final reading of this ordinance and asked for a vote for approval. Carla Kreitman moved to accept. All were in favor of accepting Ordinance #3.

- Ordinance #4 – Series 2012 – RV Vehicles/Boats Parking Restrictions Ordinance – Stan Chauvin will read through the ordinance for clarification and the first official reading will be at the March monthly meeting.

Stan also mentioned that there are other ordinances to be introduced at the March meeting. A nuisance ordinance and an animal ordinance.

Update of LG&E Grant

The City received a response from LG&E regarding our recent application for a grant with their “Plant for the Planet” Program. Our request was denied this year and recommended us to consider making another application during their next application cycle in October.

Brightside Update

The City also received a letter from Brightside introducing highlights of their accomplishments during their 25th Anniversary and a request for a year-end contribution.

Discussion of Commercial Property Noise Issue

There still remains an early garbage pickup issue near the Commercial property locations. Mayor Ober asked Stan Chauvin if Metro police could cite any offender who picks up garbage prior to the 6:00am ordinance. Stan suggested a better alternative. He will write a letter on behalf of the City as well as approaching our District Commissioner, Jerry Miller to assist. He felt Commissioner Miller would have a better chance of success with this. Julie Colucci suggested to include a warning of “putting them on notice”. Stan says an ordinance must be passed first before this can happen. Stan asked for the names and addresses of the offenders. Julie will email Stan this information and Mayor Ober agreed to contact Jerry Miller for his assistance.

Prepare for Garbage Bid

Commissioner Colucci informed the Commission that the Industrial Disposal Garbage bid expires April 1st. She suggested that in order to comply with other small city contracts renewal dates we may wish to consider a two year plus three months contract. This equals 27 months. She also suggested that we make it a two year contract with a two year renewal option. Lengthy discussion followed including these options:

- Take open bidding July 1st with Industrial Disposal continue month to month till that time
- Review present contract with Industrial Disposal at the March meeting to consider renewal before approaching other bidders
- Involve new company Eco-Tech for possibly better pricing services
- Stan suggested best approach is to take bids from all vendors.

At this time, Julie presented a prepared spec sheet on the needs of the City garbage disposal for Stan to review. Stan will discuss the sealed bidding process and will also publish Bid Request in the paper for the City.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department of Public Safety – Julie Colucci

Julie stated that everything she had to discuss was already addressed in the meeting and had nothing further to report.

Public Property and Finance – Hans Klose

Hans reported that the only area that needed to be brought to the Commission's attention was the new report and its format in reporting each Commissioner's expenditures and aligning it up with their assigned budgets.

Department of Community Affairs & Public Records

Carla announced that the new Website is now live and sent a link to the new site to the Mayor and commission for review. At this point she has stored basic information, past newsletters, contact information and will publicize the website to all City residents in the upcoming Spring issue of the City Newsletter. The Newsletter is also ready for distribution within a few days and should be timely arrivals for both. She also commented that she is going to schedule some time with Pat Gramig to instruct her in downloading documents and announcements to the website when needed. The cross training for the website will assist it proper upkeep if Pat or Carla are not available to do so.

Department of Parks and Recreation

Porter Lady reported that there is still some discussion on the proper way to provide a water supply to the park for irrigation purposes some discussion followed regarding a temporary supply provided through Fred Nicoulin's property until this is resolved. Porter's concern are the trees that are now ready to be planted and water will be needed to do this project properly.

Porter also indicated that park activity was strong this winter due to our mild weather this year. He has also provided assistance from Tarpley Lawn service to maintain the City Entrance signs free from litter. Mr. Eric Tarpley, owner, is also scheduled to pick up litter at Dorsey Station and Shelby point.

Julie Colucci interjected another observation regarding the outdoor Xmas lights at the front entrance of Blue Ridge Manor. The concern is the present procedure used in connecting the lights with masking tape while being strung. This may cause some danger since it does not prevent moisture to seep through when it rains or snows. An electrician suggested a better and safer approach to this problem. Mayor Ober suggested that all lights should be properly checked this summer before this winter's Christmas decorating occurs.

Mayor Ober then asked if there were any further business. Art Sims, resident of Blue Ridge Manor asked about an earlier comment made regarding missing tax bills. Mayor Ober reiterated that they were not missing but there was some confusion about these taxes having been reported. However, this has been addressed and everything is now resolved.

Art also inquired about financial data being reported on the website. Mayor Ober stated that all budgets and P& L statements will be available on the website.

Porter Lady inquired about the Alcohol Tax revenue and who would now be the new Administrator. Mayor Ober stated that this should no longer be a major concern of the City and therefore an Administrator is no longer needed.

There being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Porter Lady moved for adjournment. Hans Klose seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Patricia Gramig - City Clerk

Mike Ober - Mayor