

**TOWN OF ROCKY RIPPLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF 14-JUL-2015**

Town Council Members/Support personnel in attendance were:

Carla Gaff-Clark
Mandy Redmond
Mike Kiefer

Carla called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Meeting agenda was distributed.

Carla stated that we have two candidates slated to be on the town council ballot in November, in addition to Carla and Mandy, so we have a full ballot. Running for town election spots will be Kandy Kendall for clerk/treasurer and Jill Morris for town councilor.

Mandy stated that she wanted to publically recognize Cathy Hurt, our former clerk/treasurer, who has continued to step in and help and answer many questions since we have had the open clerk/treasurer spot. Carla stated that we are thinking about leveraging tax levees to add money to our budget for things such as needed levee repairs.

Carla called for the minutes and financial report to be read.

Mandy presented June meeting minutes and June financial report for approval. Mandy stated that we are now processing mostly routine monthly payments, except for back employment taxes which were paid this month. We should see normal amounts from this month on. We also implemented the use of the Payroll processing company for payment to Mike Kiefer this month – he now gets paid on time twice monthly. We received property tax distribution and excise tax distribution from the state this month. Mandy obtained 2014 tax statements from the county. She is working to complete the 2014 financial summary for the state, in addition to preparing the 2016 budget, which will be presented at next month's town council meeting. Sales tax exempt certification should be received soon, as Carla has been corresponding with the state regarding the taxes they thought we owed, but we did not. Will follow up again on this topic next month. Mandy made a motion to accept financial report; Carla seconded. Mandy read meeting minutes from previous meeting. Mandy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Carla seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

New nepotism policy ordinance was prepared and read by town attorney Kelly Scanlan; Mandy requested we remove references to firefighters as that does not apply. Policy approved with minor changes noted. Motion to accept made by Carla; seconded by Mandy. Mike Kiefer as employee attested he abides by the policy.

CERT/REM: An update on this initiative was provided by Jill Morris. The team has been revitalized and regular meetings will now occur on Thursday evenings. Andy Hazel will now head up the team and they are looking for additional members.

Highland Development: Letters have been received by residents that live on the river on Riverview Drive. They have plans to build 3-story homes and condos immediately across White River by the Highland Country Club. Informational meetings are being held with interested members of the public. If Rocky Ripple residents have concerns, they should attend these meetings. Carla will also contact their board to find out how we can get additional detail on the project for concerned RR residents and see if a representative can come to a future RR Town Council meeting to answer questions.

Old Business

Bush Hog/Town Mower Updates: A discussion regarding what to repair on the town's mowing equipment and tractor ensued. Until we have enough volunteers to use the town's equipment to mow, we will continue to use the current lawn mowing service. We will make no repairs at this time. Carla thanked Dan Axler for the work he has done using the town's bush hog.

Levee Committees Updates: City provided no updates on Westbank feasibility study since last month. No updates from either RR levee related committee.

Butler University Update: Mandy and Carla had a good meeting with Ben Hunter, Butler University to discuss what they are willing to do to assist us with levee/Westbank Alignment issues on June 19th. They are supportive of our stand on the issues and Ben stated that Butler is willing to serve as a conduit for meetings to be scheduled/held between the city, Citizens Energy, neighborhood organizations and Butler. This will begin in Sept.

Ben also clarified that Butler should mow Butler property located on Riverview Dr. The area was mowed in the days following the Jun. 19th meeting and will continue on a regular basis per Butler. Two Butler police officers were present at tonight's town council meeting and introduced themselves; they came to let us know they are around; town council expressed town's appreciation for their continued presence in our neighborhood.

Street Repair Update: Identified road repairs have not been completed. Per Scott Westphal, he and Jon Stohler will be performing the repairs this month.

Community Concerns: D. Raynor mentioned it would be nice if the picnic tables in Hohlt Park could be resanded/sealed before the RR festival. Vandals have written on them/carved their initials. Mandy will ask the RRCA to address this. RR Festival will be held September 26, 2015 in Hohlt Park. Student at Butler – Washington township liaison for a political campaign was present and introduced herself (did not get her name).

Marshal's Report: Quiet month with no major issues per Mike. We have some neighbors still without power after last night's storm.

Motion made by Mandy to end meeting; seconded by Carla. Carla thanked everyone for being at the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mandy Redmond