

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2014 BANCROFT MEETING

The regular scheduled meeting for the City of Bancroft, KY was called to order by Mayor Reinhardt at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Jefferson Manor. Those present: Mayor Reinhardt, Treasurer Shaikun, Commissioner Constable, Attorney Dozier, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Rayzor, Clerk Tuthill, resident Bryan Berman, resident Matt Tungate, resident Jeff Maegers, and office Tony Yeager

Clerk Tuthill read the minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved.

Officer Yeager gave his report for the month of July. There were 185 patrols of the city. There were 186 radar/traffic zones set up for our house watch program. There was one dispatch on 2913 Tavener that turned out to be false. Investigation of car on Adler with wrong license plate.

The commission thanked Mayor Reinhardt for 25 years of service with a gift and flowers.

Treasurer Shaikun gave the financial report for July. The gross revenue was \$6,940.80. We had \$8984.18 in total disbursements. The City spent \$9,448.31. The unusual items for the month were the police officers expenses for uniform and ammunition reimbursement. Mayor Reinhardt advised this was his annual uniform budget. Commissioner Wood said should be categorized differently to misc. expenses and not security.

Mayor Reinhardt had nothing to report regarding the police department.

Commissioner Constable had nothing to report regarding trash pickup services.

Commissioner Dimeny had nothing to report regarding Bancroft Lane.

Commissioner Wood had nothing to report for administration and finance.

Commissioner Rayzor had nothing to report regarding city maintenance.

Clerk Tuthill addressed that we need to proceed with filing lien on 2309 Tavener. Mayor Reinhardt asked that Matt Meiners return every four weeks to mow the lawn. When we receive the bill for this we will put a lien on the property.

In old business:

Commissioner Dimeny is still working on the Bancroft Lane sign prohibiting large vehicles.

The final plans have been made for the picnic. We just need to send Marks Feed Store proof of tax exemption. Officer Yeager has agreed to be on duty for picnic. More information needs to go in next newsletter for picnic. Commissioner Rayzor advised that a plug was needed for bouncy house use and we need to find if a resident that will allow us to use electricity. Mayor Reinhardt offered to bring two card tables. Commissioner Rayzor will bring three tables. Commissioner Wood suggested we really build up picnic in the newsletter. Commissioner Rayzor asked if anyone had golf balls to use for an activity.

Mayor Reinhardt said she is working with Attorney Dozier regarding the ongoing problem with the gravel driveway on Greenlawn. The homeowner has supposedly signed a contract to have driveway paved but said the queue is eight weeks so cannot get it done any sooner. Attorney Dozier will request that the homeowner send her a copy of contract. Attorney Dozier will contact her tomorrow asking for this. Mayor Reinhardt added that many neighbors have been commenting on the eyesore.

Work on the yard at 7615 Wesleyan has been done for now but we need to keep watching to make sure they keep it up. Matt Meiners was going to mow the lawn but the homeowner actually did it. Homeowner did allow Matt Meiners to remove limb and clean gutters but refused to allow him to do other work. Mayor Reinhardt contacted our attorney and she said yes you can go on the property. The next day the homeowner was working on lawn but did not finish and this has not been further pursued. Mayor said it does look better now that the limb has been cut down and gutters cleaned. Grass may need to be cut again.

Bancroft Lane side still crumbling and we need to follow up with Matt Meiners as it has not yet been repaired.

In new business:

Treasure Shaikun advised to leave all CD's maturing and let them rollover as there is really nothing to gain by changing.

We discussed whether the Ordinance regarding lawn maintenance should be changed to include repeat offenders. Attorney Dozier was asked her opinion. Noncompliance is actually a misdemeanor and technically we could arrest. Ordinance is very strict and we just need to stay on top of it. Attorney added that repeat offender statutes that she has seen just cause more problems.

Attorney Dozier suggested a beautification committee. Take the residents that complain. Possibly first knock on door, than a letter. Maybe a community service to help our neighbors if someone would step up to head up committee. Commissioner Wood suggested we should have some kind of committee just to take care of the cul-de-sac.

Attorney Dozier's suggestion is just stick to the Ordinance. Really enforce \$100 a day fine until it is abated. If we really enforce every time and we keep filing liens. Commissioner in newsletter.

Mayor Reinhardt asked if we want to institute something to keep homes from becoming rental properties as more and more homes in City are becoming rentals. Attorney Dozier said that this can be done. We would need to Grandfather in current rentals. Everyone was in agreement that we ask attorney to review if we can establish this as an ordinance.

Mayor Reinhardt received an email from a resident Hutcherson (Beale) that lives at 2300 Wesleyan Court. Resident informed Mayor they used a company called Limbwalk Tree Service for work on their property. While there they looked at the tree in cul-de-sac.

Limbwalker would like to do an aerate service on the tree which includes mulching and watering. This is a \$400 to \$500 service. The resident has offered to pay for this work and has asked the commission for permission to do so. Mayor said we may be setting a precedent and is concerned the resident may then be taking ownership of the tree. Attorney and commission said should not be a problem in anyway. We should see a copy of contract before work is done. The question was raised if we allow them to do work should we be doing same for other trees in other cul-de-sacs.

Resident Berman said it is great that they want to pay for it but if something happens and the tree dies he feels the city probably should incur the cost. It was decided this is a gift that we should accept and just make sure to see the contract first.

We discussed plans for commission if no seats are filled. Since there are three people running on commission then and if no mayor the commission can then elect a mayor. Mayor added she will consider allowing herself to be written in because she does not want to see us fall into Louisville metro. Resident Tungate asked if you have to declare a write-in? Or could anyone just write it. Attorney said you do have declare to be write in candidate by October 24 and your name still has to be turned in.

With no other business to discuss, Commissioner Constable made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Kimberly Reinhardt
Mayor

Shelley L. Ulrich
City Clerk