

March 24, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Clerk; Mike Wylie, Administrative Assistant Police Chief; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief.

Also attending:

Kelly Doran - Clermont Sun

Patrick Blair - 101 Light's Point Court

Charlie Scott - 622 Willow Street

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk with Hilt, Feldkamp, Skeene, Davidson, Allen, and Vanderbosch answering present.

Minutes of March 10th and March 14th meetings were presented for approval. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Davidson.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes - 10th; abstain/absent 14th

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes - 10th; abstain/absent - 14th

Mr. Skeene: abstain/absent - 10th; yes - 14th

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Administrator:

Flood Review/Observations - Mitigation efforts since 1997 minimized the number and extent of properties affected by a 57.7 feet river level. The sharing of data relative to property address versus river level helped residents and businesses react accordingly with National Weather Service predictions. Most flood related activities went smoothly; however, several issues were identified.

- Tourist traffic interfering with residents was an issue. A plan for road and street closure needs to take this into account for the future.
- Many motorists ignored barricades and Road Closed signs and drove through high water. Besides putting themselves in danger, this creates wakes potentially pushing water further into homes - resulting in more damage.
- The rumor mill created an issue in the village. On Saturday the 14th, a rumor spread that Duke was going to turn off all power and the village was going to fore evacuations. Broader and more efficient direct communication methods with residents to pre-empt and address false reports will be explored and implemented.

Short Hill is open.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

He commended the members of the Fire/EMS for their performance during the recent flood.

Feldkamp brought up about campers parking on Cobra Road being in violation of an ordinance. That ordinance needs reviewed by Safety/Laws/Rules Committee. And also that the camper owners need to have a designated place where they will be move the campers out of the village. A lot of campers have been placed in empty parking lots,

but if the flood water continues to rise then there is the problem of moving them a second time. Causing more congestion, etc.

He also mentioned that 18 campers were allowed to stay at River Pines RV Park during the recent flood. Some of those campers had water in them. Roberts said there is also problems with decks, sheds, etc. that have been displaced by the high water. Safety/Laws/Rules Committee will check into a solution for this.

Mike Wylie, Assistant Administrative Police Chief:

Wylie briefly went over the February monthly report for the department. He also mentioned that additional 'street closed' barricades were provided by Clermont County and delivered by Pierce Township Street Department. This was greatly appreciated.

Mayor Carr appointed Richard Parker to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Housing Board of Appeals with terms ending December 31, 2017. She also appointed Mike Findlan to the Landmark Commission with term ending December 31, 2017. They are merely switching positions.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-6 AMENDING THE NEW RICHMOND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS - SECTION 5.2-4 MANUFACTURED HOMES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. Feldkamp motioned to adopt. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-6 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 1999-1 CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-4 AMENDING THE NEW RICHMOND INCOME TAX ORDINANCE

Mayor Carr presented a Proclamation for Arbor Day, April 25, 2015.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Thanked the Fire Department for helping him get his car out of a ditch and flood waters.

Allen - Reported the Economic Development Committee will be meeting tomorrow night (3/25) from 6:30pm to 8pm. Allen is the Chair of the committee with council members Skeene and Hilt. Allen has invited the New Richmond Business Association, Planning Commission members as well as all council members and some other residents to this meeting. Allen had previously stated there will be an additional 10 to 12 members besides the three council members. She will bring these names to the Mayor for her to appoint to the committee.

Davidson - She will be unable to attend tomorrow night but will be at other meetings.

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Tom Dix will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow night. He thinks that we need an 'entertainment district'. Feldkamp has three suggestions from Dix that he will bring up at the meeting tomorrow night.

Hilt - Has received complaints about the advertisement papers being thrown out in front of houses. Very unsightly. Discussion amongst all members about this issue. All are in favor of finding a solution.

Charlie Scott, 622 Willow Street:

Asked about the tree nursery on Willow Street. What does the village do with the trees? Carr replied the trees are planted on village streets/property.

Scott also asked council to explain what an 'entertainment district' is. Feldkamp answered that if smaller communities were allowed to create entertainment districts they could then have more liquor licenses.

Patrick Blair, 101 Light's Point Court:

He asked if there could be a better way to notify the public when special or emergency meetings are held. Carr said that for special meetings we could place a notice on the village website. Roberts suggested Blair sign up for Nixle to get village information. Feldkamp complimented Blair on his Ice Cream Shop on Front Street. It looks very nice.

Feldkamp motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council