

Minutes of River Oaks Homeowners Association meeting on December 12, 2024

Meeting came to order at 6:35pm in Boardroom at the Wetumpka Civic Center.

Present: Emmitt Johnson, Cathy Saylor, Tracy Artis, George Ganjei, Donnie Sullivan, Brittany Jenkins, James Coley, Larry Stephens.

Absent: Randall Haire

Guests: Kenneth Waites, Fire Inspector, City of Wetumpka FD.

Seven residents attended.

Larry Stevens led us in prayer.

This was an emergency meeting for Homeowners to air grievances re situations in the neighborhood.

First item discussed was burning in the neighborhood. Fire pits in backyards are ok. No 55-gallon drums, bylaws say no burning in neighborhood. According to WFD, burn ban runs from May to the end of October. If anything is burned it needs to be 50' from any structure. If a neighbor is burning in a fire pit, and is bothering you, call WFD. If no one answers, call 911 and tell them it is a NON-EMERGENCY call. They will come out promptly. Talk to your neighbors first.

There was much discussion about parking on the streets in River Oaks, especially where cars are parked on both sides of the street. Main River Oaks Dr/River Ridge is 30' wide. Considering a parked car on each side takes 14', 7' each, it leaves 16' for emergency vehicles. This is adequate, however, the side streets and cul-de-sacs are only 23' wide, so two cars will take 14', leaving only 9' for fire truck, which is not enough. HOA is considering having signs to allow parking on one side only. Also, parking next to fire hydrants, illegal or not? Need to find out, possibly paint curb to indicate no parking. What are city ordinances re parking on both sides, fire hydrants, etc. We need city to give us ordinance information.

It is important to impress upon residents that this is a safety issue, not personal. Our lawyer suggests timed parking as one possibility. Further discussion is needed.

Another topic discussed was people speeding in the neighborhood, especially on River Oaks Drive and River Ridge. Speed tables were mentioned again. WFD does not like speed bumps at all, but feels better about speed tables. We need to get prices, and ask lawyer if this is something that the HOA Board can make happen. Can we lower the speed limit in the neighborhood?

There is a stop sign leaning at the corner of River Oaks DR and River Ridge. We are trying to contact Mr. Bingham about replacing it.

Swimming pools that are not full of fresh water need to be emptied, repaired or filled in. This needs to be addressed with homeowner.

Possible upcoming expenses – Water supply in park, speed tables.

We will be scheduling our Annual Meeting for late January, location TBD.

We are encouraged that residents are attending meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.