

## RDC - May 15, 2014

The Beech Grove RDC met on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting started at 7:03PM. Members present included Donald Webb, President, Ron Mote, Vice President, Cathy Chappell, Secretary, Janis King and Tammy Storey.

Minutes were read from the March meeting and were accepted.

Frank Nierzwicki from the SPEA of Indiana University was the first to speak. The SPEA stands for School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He goes into communities and evaluates the area, strong points, what needs improvement, makes suggestions and puts his findings and thoughts into a study. He said creating city plans is a strategic process. Frank would like to have the study completed by September if approved. His fee is \$5000.00 plus up to \$300.00 for travel expenses to and from Bloomington. He made it clear he does not put together an actual comprehensive plan. He provides the information for someone else to design a written plan.

The RDC members agreed they needed time to discuss whether or not they would like to hire Mr. Nierzwicki and if it would be affordable to the organization.

Mr. Bruce Bye was the next speaker and very much in favor of hiring Mr. Nierzwicki. Mr. Bye's concern was that Frank would not be available if we wait too long to make a decision.

Cathy Chappell suggested that the city pay for half of the fee for Mr. Nierzwicki. Mayor Buckley indicated that was a possibility.

Beech Grove School Superintendent Paul Kaiser suggested that we take time to think about whether or not the RDC wants to consider hiring someone to do the study either this year, or perhaps in 2015. He also suggested maybe we could work with Frank on a contract basis.

Mayor Buckley suggested that we invite City Council President Ed Bell to a special meeting to discuss the council paying half or at least a portion of

the bill to hire Mr. Niwezwicki. President Don Webb suggested we have a special meeting prior to the June city council meeting to discuss this proposal with Ed Bell.

Mr. Paul Kaiser said it was discovered that \$85,000.00 over a 4 year period of time was going to the RDC from the BG schools. In 2010 the law was changed, but not made retroactive. In 2012 Sen. Pat Miller made a law that the money is to be recouped by the school and will be initiated in 2014.

Mr. Kaiser also discussed the possibility of the RDC providing Google Chromebooks for each student. The cost per laptop would be \$300.00 each.

Mayor Buckley handed out information regarding the amount of tax money that will be coming into the community. He mentioned several companies by name. If St. Francis ends up paying taxes on the Albany Street facility it will be a significant amount of money going to the RDC because the former hospital is in a TIF district.

Pres. Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by VP Ron Mote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sec. Cathy Chappell

