

## RDC October 2014 Minutes

The BG RDC meeting was held at Beech Grove City Hall on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00pm. Members present included President, Donald Webb, Vice President, Ron Mote, Secretary, Cathy Chappell and Mac Belner.

First order of business was paying bills: a bill from Tim Showalter for taping of the last 2 meetings, 1 bill for Jeff Peters and 1 bill from Faegre Baker Daniels. The total amounted to \$4340.94. A motion was made and accepted to pay the stated amount.

President Donald Webb stated the RDC will be receiving \$343,000.00 in the spring for taxes and again the same amount for fall taxes from the hospital. Because St. Francis is appealing the decision regarding paying those taxes to the RDC, we are unable to figure roughly \$700,000.00 into our 2015 budget. The appeal could take a very long time and even go all the way to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Because we are working with a much lower budget, Pres. Webb reconfigured the numbers and what he suggests we set as goals.

Per Dr. Kaiser and several other sources, the assessed value of Beech Grove increased by about \$24,000,000.00. The revenues coming into the RDC will go up. With our new proposed budget for 2015, the RDC will be left with about \$185,000.00 carry over.

Mayor Buckley was unable to attend the meeting but did express through Pres. Webb that federal grant money in the amount of \$700,000.00 has been given to Beech Grove for the Churchman Development. The money will be used to build sidewalks along Churchman Avenue extending to Arlington Avenue. The Mayor had indicated he would like for the RDC to consider adding \$200,000.00 to the grant money to help with the project. The time frame would be 2016 through 2018. That would be approximately \$67,500.00 per year.

President Webb expressed the revised RDC budget proposal could be changed if the RDC finds a reason to do so. The new budget does not include the money we are owed from St. Francis Hospital. Mac Belner made a motion to accept the new RDC budget for 2015. Vice President Ron Mote seconded, all were in favor. Pres. Webb will present the budget to Mayor Buckley and he in turn will present it to the city council at the November meeting.

Mr. Frank Nierzwicki provided some information regarding the study he is working on for the city. He gave some guidelines on what will be included. Secretary Cathy Chappell asked Mr. Nierzwicki how we go about connecting with The Association of Cities and Towns. He said the \$25.00 fee allows to us go to their website to connect with redevelopment issues. There are individuals to contact if needed. Cathy asked if it would be an advantage of the RDC to have a website, as opposed to being part of the Beech Grove City web site. At this point it does not appear we need to develop our own. Frank thought it might be advantageous to have some type of screen to project videos for presentations at future meetings. The report Frank will be giving the RDC will be available in a PDF format. President Webb expressed to Frank that perhaps in the spring we can have another workshop. Frank thought it would be a great idea to involve BG students in some of the projects the RDC is considering. Frank said involving the students will also get the parents involved. Frank complimented the RDC board on their accomplishments during 2014.

Frank and the board members discussed the future of St. Francis Hospital, business development, and the number of rental home issues in Beech Grove. These are all topics for discussion among the members and the community. Frank talked about the variety of homes in BG, he suggested a demographic study. The community not only needs starter homes, but homes to accommodate growing families.

Member Mac Belner made a motion to end the meeting it was seconded by Cathy Chappell.  
Meeting adjourned.

