

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 4, 2011**

Mayor Dilk called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** City Council members Gregory Allison, Ross Barton, Ed Bell, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart and Buddy Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending was Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The March 7th Council Meeting minutes were read into the record and approved by voice vote.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Gary Loveless, Mayor Ballard's Neighbor Liaison, spoke about the Emerson widening project. He stated there will be roundabouts at Edgewood and Emerson, and Edgewood and McFarland. A new Bark-Park will be coming at the golf course at South County Line Road. There will also be a new school formed at U of I, a Civic Leadership School.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** Joe Griffin, of 65 S. 17th St, thanked Mayor Dilk, Council, Board of Works and RDC for the opportunity to speak freely without time limits so that speakers might enumerate the problems facing the State and the City and prove those that have spoken in the past, right. Those that have spoken were called numerous negative names and he would like to thank all for backing them up. He accused the ex-mayor and the ex-clerk treasurer and others of getting the city into the condition it is currently in with regard to debt. He would like the current Council and Administration to attack the problem and then move ahead.

**REPORTS:** Tim Latimer gave the Greenscape Commission Report.

Chief Witmer gave the public safety report. He said that the police were going to increase their visibility in the park now that the weather is starting to warm up. They only received 3 applications for the spring Police Academy Class, so they were going to leave open the application process and look toward a class in the fall.

Chris Duffer gave a financial report for the city which included a bank balance and a fund report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Dilk addressed Councilor Templin's question of how much money the city used to receive from ticket revenue prior to our own court. Mayor Dilk stated that the income per ticket was \$2.10. The Police Department issued 4800 tickets, so the income was in the range of \$10,000. The Mayor also explained that if the officers had to go to Marion County court for these tickets, the amount of overtime would increase; whereas in our court we can control that more precisely.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Allison sponsored and introduced Special Ordinance No. 1 2011, a special ordinance relating to the transfer of funds/appropriations. This ordinance allows for

moving \$48,000 from the court budget to City Hall repairs budget. Councilor Allison moved to approve Special Ordinance No. 1 2011 as read. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer read into the record General Ordinance No. 2, 2011, an ordinance providing for an amendment to sections 35.027 and 35.040 of the Beech Grove code of ordinances related to Board of Works and Sanitation meetings. Councilor Templin moved to accept General Ordinance No. 2, 2011. Councilor Allison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Dilk offered to the Council a new labor agreement between the City of Beech Grove and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge # 86. Mayor Dilk also submitted a cover sheet that enumerated the differences between the old contract and the new contract. Councilor Bell motioned to approve the new labor agreement as written. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Councilor Barton thanked Mr. Hart for his effort in manning the camera for tonight meeting.

Councilor Allison stated he was glad that we have appropriated funds to repair City Hall and he is looking forward to meeting there.

Councilor Jennings thanked Mr. Loveless for the information he offered from Mayor Ballard's office. He further thanked Mr. Duffer for his efforts in disseminating accurate and needed information. He gave thanks to all of the groups that had adopted streets for the cleanup. Finally we were treated to the much anticipated basketball update.

Councilor Pence thanked Tim Latimer and the Greenscape Commission for the tremendous job they do.

Councilor Bell stated he was having another town Hall meeting on April 20 at 7 PM.

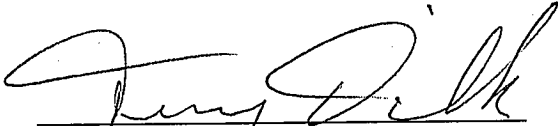
Councilor Templin thanked Joe Griffin for his comments and clarified that there would not be a roundabout at 17th and Main. He thought tonight's Council meeting was great given the ordinances and contracts which were passed being very good for the city.

Mayor Dilk explained that the RDC looked at the roundabout project at Albany and Sherman and since they did not have money for the project they did not accept it as one of their projects. He stated that Mayor Wright had full authority to start a project, which he did. He asked the Council for an appropriation for the city's match for the project, which they passed, not unanimously. When the City could not produce their match for the project, Indianapolis produced the match and the project went forward. The RDC then approved \$15,000 for a small parcel of land to allow the project to proceed.

Clerk Treasurer Duffer stated there will be a special Council meeting April 18, 2011 for the 2<sup>nd</sup>

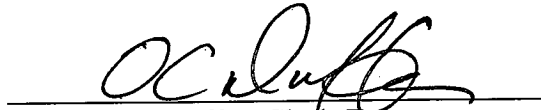
and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of the two ordinances passed tonight.

Councilor Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Bell seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.



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Terry Dilk, Mayor



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Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer