

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2011**

Mayor Dilk called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 July 5, 2011 meeting minutes were read into the record. Councilor Stewart motioned to approve the minutes as read. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Gary Loveless, neighborhood liaison for Mayor Greg Ballard, gave an update to the council and city. He handed out free prescription cards for citizens without insurance. He spoke on the Miracle Mile Parade, the new website, Indy.gov, National Night Out and [Indiana Unclaimed.org](http://IndianaUnclaimed.org).

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Mr. Dan McMillan, 81 S. 13 spoke on the subject of ambulance rate increases. He states he is not opposed to a modest increase, but a 100% increase is unacceptable. He wondered, with the additional paramedics hired, if we were going to start running two ambulances. He stated that 85% of our fire runs are medical related and therefore we should consider activating the second ambulance. He wondered how much revenue would be created with a 100% increase.

Next Mr. Joe Griffin, 65 S. 17th, spoke about the traffic situation created by the round-a-bout. His suggestion was to install a flashing yellow light at 17th and Main. He stated that you are taking your life in your hands if you travel down through there at this time. He further stated it was no fun driving in that area even if it is only 45 days.

REPORTS: Tim Latimer gave the Greenscape Commission Report. He thanked the Street Department for removing dead trees near the streets. He stated Holy Name might have some trees transplanted to Sarah Bolton Park.

Aaron Lamb gave the RDC report. He stated the RDC was still one member short and consequently have not elected a president yet.

Deputy Chief Malloy gave the safety report.

Clerk Treasurer, Chris Duffer gave the financial report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Clerk Treasurer, Chris Duffer read into the record for second reading, General Ordinance No. 5, 2011; an Ordinance Regulating the Use of Credit Cards and Charge Cards Issued to City Employees on Behalf of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana.

Councilor Templin motioned to accept General Ordinance No. 5, 2011 as read. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Duffer read into the record for third reading, General Ordinance No. 5, 2011; an Ordinance Regulating the Use of Credit Cards and Charge Cards Issued to City Employees on Behalf of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana. Councilor Bell motioned to accept General Ordinance No. 5, 2011 as read. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Duffer read into the record for second reading, General Ordinance No. 6, 2011, An Ordinance Providing for an Amendment to Section 34.15 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances Related to Emergency Ambulance Fees. Councilor Jennings motioned to approve General Ordinance No. 6, 2011. Councilor Templin seconded the motion.

Councilor Templin asked if the Fire Chief, Mr. Jim Pierce, might come to the podium for questions. The councilor then asked the Chief to explain how the process works if an individual without insurance uses the Ambulance Service. Chief Pierce explained the process. The councilor then asked about the feasibility of running the city's second ambulance. The Chief answered that it was possible. The councilor stated that it will be interesting to see how much revenue this increase might generate and how the running of the second ambulance might help the fire department.

Councilor Bell asked the Chief when this will go into effect. The chief stated very soon, as soon as the ambulance billing service and Medicare and Medicaid were notified. He was further asked how we compare to Indianapolis and he stated we were well below their rate.

Councilor Allison stated the chief was very helpful when he talked with him and helped him understand the topic. He stated that our rates were lower than the insurance companies were prepared to pay.

The Chief also clarified that rates were charged by the provider not by geographic location. So if Indianapolis comes into Beech Grove, the citizen is charged Indianapolis rates and vice versa.

After questions, the mayor called for the vote on second reading. The vote was 7-0 for passage.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None


COMMENTS: Councilors Barton and Allison had no comment. Councilor Jennings reminded drivers that school was coming back in session and to watch out for children. He also thanked Gary Loveless. Councilor Pence dittoed Councilor Jennings comments. Councilor Stewart thanked the Fire and Police and Street Departments doing a fine job even during this heat.

Councilor Bell reminded everyone of his town hall meeting coming up that included Marion County Clerk Beth White. He also thanked Mr. Griffin and Mr. McMillan for their comments. Councilor Templin thanked the citizens that spoke. He thanked the street crew for filling the potholes during this heat wave. He thanked the mayor for opening the cooling center, allowing citizens to have a place to stay that was air conditioned. He stated that his company will not be bidding on the security detail in the park. He reiterated that our parks were already safe; the goal was to make them even safer. Mayor Dilk announced that our next council meeting will be moved back to City Hall.

Councilor Templin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM



Terry Dilk, Mayor



Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer