

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2014**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board of Works Members Ed Bell, Sandra Seward and Mayor Dennis Buckley were present. Also in attendance were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

MEETING MINUTES: Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented to the Board the minutes from the two previous meetings:

November 17th, 2014 -Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

November 24th, 2014 Special Meeting- Sandy Seward moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Corporate Claims – claims in the amount of **\$1,176,589.12** were presented to the Board for approval.

Ed Bell moved to approve the claims as presented, Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Insurance Premiums for Employees- Christian Duncan

Unified Health Insurance-The employees & retirees could either keep the same rates in 2015 or add a 5% increase in premiums that would go into the health trust. The city would increase by 4% the premium into the health trust and this would help to prevent the possibilities of large increases in the future. Sandy Seward asked several Department Heads what the opinion of the employees was; the consensus was to remain at the 2014 rates.

Ed Bell moved to hold the rates for health insurance for 2015 to have no increase for employees or the City. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Kansas City Dental Insurance- was presented to the Board for approval there is a rate increase of 8.9% in 2015 with Kansas City Life. Christian commented that this was the capped increase. Clerk Treasurer McMillan and Christian both caught it when Kansas City tried to increase the rates over 9%.

Aaron Jeannette commented that Kansas City is not as good as Met Life was, but Christian usually resolves any issues that the employees have.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the dental insurance with Kansas City Life for 2015 and the rate increase. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Hartford Insurance –prescription coverage change and rate increases for retirees were presented to the Board. Christian commented that options are slim for this group of 65 and over. He also commented that he spoke to a retiree who did not feel the \$17.75 monthly increase was earth shattering.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the Hartford Health and Silver Script prescription insurance for 2015 and the rate increase. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to Proceed with Fire Engine Bid: Chief Cheshire stated the engine we will be trading in will have little value due to a salvage title. He stated the value on the new engine should be around \$410,000.00 and we will take delivery in December of 2015. Chief Pierce has selected a committee that is reviewing vendors and options. The City will pay cash for this engine and the monies for this engine will come from the increase in the tax revenues approved by the City County Council.

Sandy Seward moved to proceed with the fire engine bid. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval to Proceed with Ambulance Bid: Chief Cheshire stated the department is happy with the last two ambulances they have purchased and they have been very dependable. He will proceed with the same type of ambulances. This ambulance is budgeted in the 2015 budget.

Ed Bell moved to proceed with the ambulance bid. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval to Proceed with Police Cars/Senior Center Vehicle bid: Chief Swartz stated the police will purchase 4 Ford police vehicles. These vehicles came in two thousand under the state bid. These vehicles are in the 2015 budget. He will also buy one Senior Center vehicle with this bid; which is also budgeted in the Senior Center budget for 2015.

Ed Bell moved to proceed with the bid for these vehicles. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval to Proceed with Laptop Computer bid: Chief Swartz stated he would like to purchase 25 laptop computers; which is budgeted in the 2015 budget. The Chief went with a little more expensive computer because he felt the durability of it and the camera capability made it the best computer for the money. He stated if he went over the budget on these computers, he could pull money out of other appropriations to fully fund the purchase. The City has budgeted \$100,000.00 for the computers.

Ed Bell moved to proceed with the bid for these computers. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sandy Seward moved to allow the Clerk Treasurer to proceed further with obtaining financing for the bids that need financed. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD – None

ADJOURNMENT: Ed Bell moved to adjourn. Sandy Seward seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, December 15th, 2014 immediately following the Board of Sanitation meeting; which begins at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan