

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2014**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:20pm

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

MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes from the February 18th, 2014 were presented to the Board. Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Corporate Claims – claims in the amount of **\$800,346.20** were presented to the Board for approval.

Page 1- Sandy Seward questioned a claim to Fletcher Chrysler Products in the amount of \$21 863.00. Clerk McMillan stated the claim was for a new police car and it was paid for from the Criminal Investigation Fund. The Police Department preferred to pay cash for that vehicle.

Sandy Seward made a Motion to accept the claims as presented; Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to Hire- Clerk McMillan read a Letter of Request to Hire- Chris Harrison as a Clerk in the Sewage Department -part time temporary to fill the position of a Clerk that is on extended medical leave. Clerk McMillan commented that Chris was gracious enough to fill this position until the permanent part time Sewage Clerk can return to work. Clerk McMillan also disclosed that Chris is the wife of Councilor Dave Harrison.

Sandy Seward made a Motion to approve the hire; Ed bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Compliance Position Hiring Request:-presented by Chief Cheshire

Fire Chief Robert Cheshire read a Letter of Request to Hire Dave Carlson for the position of Fire Inspector /Compliance Officer Dave Carlson per the 2014 Budget

Sandy Seward asked if we currently have a Fire Inspector. Chief answered, yes and no, the Fire Chief has overall responsibility to insure that businesses are inspected. This is the area in which the Fire department is failing. There used to be Fireman that was charged with performing inspections for each shift, but it got harder for them to get out and complete the inspections every day. Consequently all businesses are not inspected routinely. Often times the fireman would be on an inspection and get called out for a fire run; the interruption wasn't good for the business or the fireman. By having a Fire Inspector he can insure that businesses as well as residential properties are being inspected properly. He can also offer education on prevention and safety. Dave is very well educated on Fire Codes and he knows the City of Beech Grove Ordinances regarding that.

Ed Bell asked if he was going to offer compliance as well, because the position was created to cover both fire and compliance.

Chief Cheshire commented that Dave is interested in both, but it would be Brad Meriwether', DPW Director, decision. If Brad chooses to hire someone for compliance, then the 29 hours; which was approved in the budget would be shared between the two positions for a combined total of 29 hours per week.

Sandy Seward since it is approved in the budget, she will make a Motion to approve the hire; Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Sandy commented that while she was a Lowe's there were 16 semi-trucks parked in the parking lot. She asked if the City has any authority over that. Police Chief Swartz stated that the City does not because it is on private property. He also commented that many of them are Walmart and Lowes semi-trucks.

Mayor Buckley commented that he wondered if there was any language pertaining to this issue in the original contract with the City.

Sandy stated that of the 16 semi-trucks one was Walmart and one was Lowe's.

Chief Swartz remarked that because the semi-trucks cannot park on the street they may be parking there and he has not received any complaints from Lowe's or Walmart regarding this issue.

Sandy also commented that the trash is horrific in both Lowe's and Walmart parking lots.

Mayor Buckley stated that the City will send them both a letter regarding the trash issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Ed Bell made a Motion to adjourn; Sandy Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 17th, 2014 immediately following the Board of Sanitation Meeting in Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan