

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

Mayor Dilk called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The November 7, 2011 meeting minutes were read into the record and approved by voice vote.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Chief Witmer presented Officer Tim Williams with a Beech Grove Police Department Commendation Ribbon for his involvement in the apprehension of a dangerous felon and police action shooting.

Richard Byland was presented with a Proclamation for spearheading the 2011 City Hall Restoration Project, proclaiming December 6, 2011, Richard Byland Day in Beech Grove.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** None

**REPORTS:** Tim Latimer gave the Greenscape Report. Aaron Lamb gave the RDC report. Chief Witmer gave the Safety Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** General Ordinance No. 11, 2011, Curfew for Minors, was read into the record by Mr. Duffer on second reading. Councilor Templin motioned to accept General Ordinance No. 11, 2011 as read. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance No. 11, 2011, Curfew for Minors, was read into the record by Mr. Duffer on third reading. Councilor Stewart motioned to accept General Ordinance No. 11, 2011 as read. Councilor Bell seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Special Ordinance No. 12, 2011, an Ordinance Providing for an Additional Appropriation for the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund, was read into the record by Mr. Duffer on first reading. Councilor Jennings motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 12, 2011 as read. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Special Ordinance No. 13, 2011, A Special Ordinance Addressing a Change in the 2011 Salary Ordinance, was read into the record by Mr. Duffer on first reading. Councilor Bell motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 13, 2011 as read. Councilor Barton seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Dilk asked that on the next ordinance that the rules be suspended such that all three

readings might be completed in one meeting. Clerk Treasurer, Chris Duffer polled all seven council members individually and each Council Member gave his or her consent to suspend the rules and approve Special Ordinance No. 14, 2011 in one hearing.

Mr. Duffer then read into the record Special Ordinance No. 14, 2011, Authorizing the Issuance of Temporary Loan Tax Anticipation Warrants from the Indiana Bond Bank, on first reading. Councilor Stewart motioned to accept as read. Councilor Bell seconded the motion which passed by 7-0 vote.

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Mr. Duffer then introduced Special Ordinance No. 15, 2011, A Special Ordinance Relating to the Transfer to Funds/Appropriations on first reading. Councilor Jennings motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 15, 2011 as read. Councilor Bell seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Duffer now introduced Resolution No. 4, 2011, A Resolution Addressing the Location of the City Court. Councilor Bell motioned to accept Resolution No. 4, 2011 as read. Councilor Templin seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Councilor Templin congratulated Tim Williams and Richard Byland on their awards. He stated that he enjoyed working with the council member this last four years and he appreciates your friendship and relationship. He thanked Chris Duffer for his service as the Clerk Treasurer and stated he doesn't think the City will ever see law expenses be as low as they have been this year. He thanked Mayor Dilk for his service and transparency with the council. He believes the mayor accomplished some good things this year and thinks 2012 will be a better year because of the things the mayor has accomplished. Further he wished the new administration the greatest success. He challenged the citizens to get involved in their city government, attending meetings, reading minutes rather than getting a distorted view from a blog or similar webpage. He thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve this last term.

Councilor Bell reiterated Councilor Templin's sentiments. He thanked the departing council members and Mayor Dilk for his transparency and things he accomplished. He thanked Mr. Duffer for his perfect paperwork and service to the council. He stated "good job" to Sergeant Williams and Richard Byland for their accomplishments.

Councilor Stewart reiterated what the two previous councilors have said. She thanked everyone

for the privilege of working with them this last 4 years.

Councilor Pence thanks everyone for voting his in this last 4 years. Gave good luck to the next council.

Councilor Jennings thanked his opponent in the election, Pam Stallard for a clean campaign and for keeping him company on Election Day. He stated he has received several calls concerning the animosity several voters experienced on Election Day; stopping just short of calling it intimidation. They stated to him that voting this time was not a pleasurable experience because of several of the volunteers that were there that day. He intends to try to get it changed by next year. Further he states it has been absolutely a pleasure serving with one of his best friends this past year. He asked the voters in his district to pay attention and tell them what they think of the proceedings in 2012.

Councilor Allison states he has thoroughly enjoyed working with this Council, Mayor, Clerk Treasurer and Department Heads this past year. He further stated that good people do enter into the public service and feels he is sitting among some very, very good people.

Councilor Barton thanked all for their service to the public including the police and fire personnel that he recently dealt with. He also thanked the Public Works personnel for their efforts in keeping the city clean. Further he thanked the office staff that handles the phones and paperwork for the city. He is also grateful for general government and civil government as opposed to tribal.

Mr. Duffer thanked the Councilors for their service. He also thanked Officer Williams and Richard Byland for their awards. He further thanked Chief Witmer, Deputy Chief Malloy and Chief Pierce for their help during the difficult transition from the previous administration. He finally thanked Mayor Dilk for the excellent working relationship that he gave.

Mayor Dilk thanked Sergeant Williams and Richard Byland for their accomplishments. He thanked the council for the excellent working relationship he enjoyed with them. He was grateful for his legislative record of all unanimous votes except for one, which was on his side of the aisle. He thanked the Department Heads which he stated are some really great people.

Councilor Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

  
Terry Dilk, Mayor

  
Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer