

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 1, 2010**

John Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, Bill Cincebox, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart, and Bud Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were Clerk Treasurer Sarah Kincaid and Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger. Not attending was Mayor Wright.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: N/A

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None

REPORTS: Terry Dilk gave a report for the Redevelopment Commission. Kayla Lawson gave a report for the Youth Council. Tim Latimer gave a report for the Greenscape Committee. Tim Showalter gave a report for the Cable Authority. Chief Witmer and Chief Pierce gave a report for the Public Safety Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

MISC ITEM: Bud Templin noted that he thought dispatch would remain through 2010, but has since learned that this is not true and that the Mayor is seeking to transition dispatch prior to the end of 2010.

NEW BUSINESS: John Jennings opened the floor for nominations on the election of President Pro Tempore. Bill Cincebox nominated John Jennings. Mary Stewart nominated Ed Bell. Ed Bell nominated Ross Barton. Mr. Barton respectfully declined his nomination. Bud Templin motioned to close nominations. John Jennings seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Bill Cincebox motioned to elect John Jennings as President Pro Tempore. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion, Bud Templin raised a question of procedure which Ms. Leminger clarified that motions were taken in the order they were received. In vote, the motion passed with 4 votes for and 3 against.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin thanked John for his previous service as President Pro Tempore and congratulated him on his recent election. He stated his negative vote was not personal but rather to try to allow new leadership. He stated he would like to see meetings go back to City Hall soon. He introduced the proposed resolution regarding dispatch and that he would like to see the resolution get considered at the next meeting. He realizes that several new

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appointments by the council will be coming up and would like to begin discussions on names with all council members to find the best candidates.

Councilman Bell stated that he attended a council meeting in another municipality and enjoyed the open forum format, which he thought might work well for the new council appointments. He stated he would like to see when the Mayor would be able to give a report on the state of the City, as it would be beneficial to all citizens. He announced that his next Town Hall meeting would be on March 9th at 7pm and all candidates on the primary ballot have been invited to attend. He also congratulated John on his election this evening.

Councilwoman Stewart congratulated John Jennings on his win and stated her vote was also nothing personal. She also asked that as has been done in the past, would the council be able to start announcing the next meeting at the end of each meeting.

Councilman Pence announced the Lion's Club Annual Bean Dinner will be on February 26th and that Little League sign ups are now taking place.

Councilman Barton requested help for the Beech Grove Library as they are in need of volunteers.

Councilman Cincebox congratulated the BGHS boys basketball team, and was proud to hear BGHS mentioned on ESPN regarding a story about John Hart.

Councilmen Jennings apologized for last month's meeting not occurring. He hopes to make it to Ed's Town Hall meeting. He stated that the top complaint he gets about council meetings is that the council does not get along. He promised to do his best to change this and wants to see this be a city council united, not divided. He congratulated the 8th grade basketball team for their great work.

Ed Bell motioned to adjourn. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Joe Wright, Mayor

Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer