

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2011**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Gregory Allison (Council District 5 elect), Ross Barton, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart and Buddy Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer and City Attorney Brian Bosma.

At this point, Mayor Wright invited House District 89 Representative, Cindy Kirchhofer, to administer the oath of office to Gregory Allison. The oath of office was administered, and Councilor Allison took his place on the council. Councilor Allison addressed the crowd with a very short biography.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: The Councilors had received the December 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes ahead of time and all voted to approve the minutes unchanged.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Joe Griffin, of 65 S. 17th St, spoke to challenge the Council to get together to find solutions for the city's problems.

REPORTS: Tim Latimer gave the Greenscape Commission report. Chief Witmer gave the public safety report and stated that dispatch would have its calls switched to Indianapolis on January 5, 2011 at 9 a.m. and that their last day would be Friday, January 7, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Wright opened the floor to nominations for President pro tem of the Council. Councilor Barton made a motion to nominate John Jennings for President pro tem. Councilor Pence seconded this motion. Councilor Stewart nominated Buddy Templin for President pro tem. Councilor Templin seconded this motion. Councilor Pence motioned to close the floor to nominations, Councilor Jennings seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote. Mayor Wright called for a show of hands for Councilor Jennings' nomination, to which four hands were raised. Mayor Wright then called for a show of hands for Councilor Templin's nomination, to which two hands were raised. Councilor Jennings will serve as President pro tem of the Council for the year 2011.

City Attorney, Brian Bosma, read into the record Resolution No. 1, 2011, A Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the City of Beech Grove Greenscape Commission. Councilor Jennings motioned to accept Resolution No. 1, 2011 as read. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion. During comments, Councilors Templin and Jennings stated their satisfaction with the job Mr. Latimer has performed to this point and extolled the virtue of his character. The motion was approved by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Councilor Templin lamented that at the next council meeting the Dispatch Center would no longer be a part of Beech Grove. He described what a great service the department had been to the community. He also extended congratulations to Tim Latimer, Councilor Jennings and Councilor Allison.

Councilor Stewart wished to reiterate what Councilor Templin had just said and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilor Jennings wished also to reiterate what Councilor Templin and Councilor Stewart had said. He also wished to note the great family of Mr. Ingle Harris. He had gotten to meet them at Mr. Harris' funeral and the Relay for Life event.

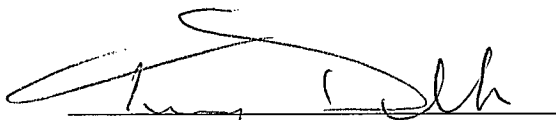
Councilor Allison stated he was thankful to be on the Council and wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilor Barton wished Councilor Allison all the best.

Councilor Pence had no comments.

Mayor Wright welcomed Councilor Allison to the Council. He then stated that this would be his last council meeting as two weeks from this date, at noon, he would be stepping down as mayor. He stated it was a tough decision but that his private sector life and job are requiring so much of his attention that he needs someone to step up and take the mayor's spot and give the city the attention it needs. He wished to thank the city and the Council for its support during his tenure as mayor. He stated the next two weeks would be a transition period and that he would be involved in that transition. He also stated his family has been by his side and he thanked them for their support.

Councilor Jennings motioned to adjourn. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.



Terly Dilk, Mayor



Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer