

Beech Grove City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 03, 2012

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: City Council Members Mary Stewart, Ed Bell, John Jennings, Dave Harrison, Kathy Coates, and Dave Mobley were present. Also present were Mayor Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Councilman Anthony Davidson was absent.

All joined in the pledge of allegiance to our flag

Meeting Minutes: December 29th, 2011 minutes were read into the record and approved by voice vote.

Public Comments: None

Community Liaison Report: Gary Loveless, Mayor Ballard's Liaison, and point of contact for the southeast side, reported on water rescue, and sewer overflow.

Reports from Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Greenscape Commission: Tim Latimer read the Greenscape's Mission Statement and gave their report. Tim reported that Beth Berg completed and submitted the application to the Arbor Day Foundation for recertification as a tree city. He also reported that this year The Greenscape Commission had planted more trees than they have removed. Mayor Buckley reported that someone donated \$ 1,000.00 to the city of Beech Grove for trees.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Buckley asked for nominations for the position of President Pro Tempore. John Jennings nominated District 2 Councilor Ed Bell. Mary Stewart seconded the nomination. Mayor Buckley asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Nominations were closed. Councilman Ed Bell was voted in as President Pro Tempore by a vote of acclamation. (Amended 01/17/2012)

A report was given by Public works Director Brad Meriwether. Brad made a recommendation to the council that they review the current sewer rates. Dave Mobley made the motion to accept Brad's recommendation and review the current sewer rates. Kathy Coates seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion of General ordinance 4A 2004. Mayor Buckley read, and submitted a letter into record stating in 2005, then Mayor Wright, instructed the sanitation clerk, to bill each building, in lieu of each individual apartment. Mayor Buckley stated the ordinance should be enforced as written. Mayor Buckley will instruct the sanitation clerk to bill any user of our sanitary system as prescribed by local ordinance. This action will take effect with the next billing cycle. Notice will be given. The council discussed the matter. They will be reviewing the ordinance.

Council Appointment to the Board of Zoning and Appeals. Diana Hendricks was nominated by Councilor Mary Stewart. Councilor Ed Bell seconded the motion. Councilor Dave Mobley questioned the qualifications of Diana Hendricks. Stating he did not feel comfortable voting for someone just because they're nice. Councilors discussed the topic. Councilors voted and the result was as follows. Councilors Mary Stewart, Ed Bell, & Dave Harrison voted yes. Councilors John Jennings and Dave Mobley voted no. Councilor Kathy Coates abstained. Councilor John Jennings expressed his concern because he does not know her. Councilors Ed Bell and Mary Stewart stated that Dianna has been active in the community and is a Beech grove business owner. Mayor Buckley also stated his confidence in her. He stated he believes she will do what is right for current business owners and prospective business owners.

Encumbrance for 2011. Fire Chief Rob Cheshire, presented a letter from former Fire Chief James Pierce, requesting approval from the council for an encumbrance in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the rainy day fund, for emergency repairs to engine 101. The letter was dated December 30th, 2011. The Fire truck went out of service on December 23rd, 2011. The funds will be paid to Donley Safety. A motion was made by Councilor Ed Bell to approve the encumbrance and seconded by Dave Mobley. The motion carried. Motion passed by voice vote.

Comments from Council Members: Councilor John Jennings stated he was very excited about how things have gone so far this year and he can't wait to do it for another four. Mayor Buckley agreed. Councilor Kathy Coates thanked everyone for voting for her, and stated she believes it will be a rough, fun four years. Newly elected President Pro Tempore, Ed Bell thanked everyone for their support and for electing him to President Pro Tempore. Councilor Mary Stewart thanked

everyone for attending and showing their support by being involved. She also asked Mayor Buckley if the new Deputy Chief would be sworn in. Mayor Buckley stated that he doesn't think so.

The next Beech Grove City Council Meeting will be held Tuesday January 17th, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Councilor Mary Stewart made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Kathy Coates seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.



Dennis Buckley, Mayor



Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan