

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 4th, 2012**

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

ROLL CALL: City Council Members John Jennings, Dave Harrison, Anthony Davidson, Ed Bell, Kathy Coates and Mary Stewart were present. Also in attendance were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Councilor Dave Mobley was absent.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: Councilor Bell made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes. Councilor Jennings seconded, motion approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Buckley and Councilor Jennings presented the Beech Grove High School Girls Softball Team a plaque congratulating them on their win of the Golden Bear Varsity Girls Softball Invitational. Mayor Buckley also congratulated pitcher Julie Hill on her perfect pitching game. Coach Brad Johnson recognized the three seniors of the team and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Officer Nathan Rinks recognized three seniors of the Beech Grove Police Explorers for their accomplishments. Officer Rinks recognized the three seniors, Mary Ann Hohenberger, Joe Wainscott and Tyler Klase and wished them luck on their future.

Mayor Buckley read the proclamation for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and proclaimed that the weekend of June 16-17th, 2012, Relay for Life weekend in Beech Grove, Indiana. Mayor Buckley presented the proclamation to Angie Ogden who is part of the Relay for Life committee.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Mr. Aaron Jeanette stated that he will speak about the bond when the bond issue ordinance is presented later in the meeting.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT: Mr. Gary Loveless commented that the smoking ban started on June 1st, 2012. The Marion County Fair will start on June 22nd and continue until June 30th. The City of Indianapolis has a cultural trail for biking and walking. There are also 6 roundabouts being constructed around Marion County: Five Points & Thompson, Edgewood & McFarland, Edgewood & Gray, German

Church & 42nd, German Church & 46th and Springmill&91st. The right-of-ways are mowed 6 times a year. Mayor Buckley stated that the City of Indianapolis is taking bids to repair the road along Amtrak. Mayor Buckley stated that these repairs would cost between \$380,000 and \$400,000 and is very appreciative of what the City of Indianapolis is doing for Beech Grove.

REPORTS: Greenscape Commission- Tim Latimer stated that the committee had their last meeting on Monday, May 21st. Tim Latimer thanked Tom Hannan for securing the donation of 15 native Indiana trees, including a American Beech tree, and the participation of “Keeping Indianapolis Beautiful Inc”. Tim Latimer also thanked Ed and Barbara Bell for their donation of a Black Gum tree. Tim Latimer commented that several members of the community helped with the planting of these trees in Sarah T. Bolton Park including Ed &Barbara Bell, Beth Berg, John Morgan, the Jennings family, Lynn Huff, Dan and Susie McMillan, Ed Marks, Dave Miller, Aaron Lamb, Anthony & Monica Kindle, Bud Templin and Dick Templin on Saturday May 19th . This project is a part of “Keep Indianapolis Beautiful”. Their next meeting will be Monday June 18th at 6p.m. at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Redevelopment Commission- Eric Withem gave an update on the sale of the rock pile, stating that there are two potential buyers for this property. The RDC has also been working with Crossroads Engineers to come up with a plan to satisfy both parties. Councilor Stewart asked who the two prospective buyers were. Mr. Withem stated that Donley Safety and NRP Group a senior living developer are the two companies interested. Councilor Davidson stated that at Mayor Buckley’s address he said that “we should give the property away”. Councilor Davidson asked if this is a sale or give away. Mr. Withem stated that he cannot answer that right now, they are still negotiating , so it depends on what the interested parties want in return. Mr. Withem stated that the next RDC meeting will be on June 21st at 7pm.

Public Safety Committee- Chief Mark Swartz gave updates on the happenings around the city. Officer Mark Parker has been assigned to Beech Grove School system. Lee Huffman is at the police academy and will be graduating sometime the middle of the summer. Engine 101 is having transfer engine repair and the gasket on the transfer case is at Global Engine. The new ambulance is on schedule to replace the old one. There are two new firefighters on shift and are doing well. There are also two firefighter applicants in the hiring process; one is waiting for approval from PERF and the other is in the process to be hired as a replacement for the applicant who backed out of the process. The fire department completed their on-site accreditation. Chief Swartz commented on the use of IDACS and NCIC programs which are designed to enter reports of a stolen car or runaways. Currently the monitoring for the police department is being done by the City of Lawrence police department; that will end on June 25th. Chief Swartz has been looking for another agency since January to monitor the programs if we cannot find one, we cannot enter these reports which would be a serious problem. Chief Swartz stated that he has been in contact with several agencies, which will charge us a fee to monitor these programs and he has a meeting with the Indiana State Police next week. Councilor Bell asked if the dispatchers were previously doing the monitoring. Chief Swartz answered yes they did and that is when the Beech Grove Police Department made an agreement with the City of Lawrence.

Councilor Stewart asked if Lawrence was charging us for monitoring and Chief Swartz stated that they were doing it for free. Councilor Coates asked what the price range would be for the software or equipment. Chief Swartz stated that for IDAC we already have the computers and an estimate for the device that would separate the police department from the rest of the departments would be about \$4,000. The police department would also have to have part-time employees to staff these devices.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated that the Mayor and he gave a 5 month summary on the finances of the city on Wednesday May 30th. The financial statement and bank statements are currently available for viewing online. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated that because of time, he will not read the financial report, but has copies if any of the councilors would like one.

Alcohol Beverage Commission- Mr. Jim Brooks who has replaced Mr. Mike Jarvis for the ABC board, gave his report on two permit renewals in Beech Grove. The Wal-Mart store and the Grove Bar were up for renewal. Neither place had any violations and were both renewed. Councilor Davidson asked about the status of the Dollar General store. Mr. Brooks stated that the review for the Dollar General was denied due to the proximity to the schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 14, 2012

...an ordinance that amends Chapter 72, Section 72.47 Subsection (A): (2), (8) and Subsection (B) and Chapter 72, Subsection 72.49 of the "Code of Ordinances" of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana. [Regarding Parking Permits]. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion for an amendment to Ordinance #14, 2012. Councilor Coates made a motion to amend Ordinance #14, 2012 to say that "the blue line for parking shall be up to and no greater than 40 feet". Councilor Stewart seconded the motion, motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance on second reading. The vote was as follows: Jennings-aye, Harrison-aye, Bell-aye, Stewart-aye, Coates-aye and Davidson-nay. Motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance on second reading was approved by voice vote. Mayor Buckley stated that they will table this ordinance for third reading and present the final and third reading at the June 18th meeting.

General Ordinance No.15, 2012,

...an ordinance that establishes a program for the delivery, cost, and replacement costs pertaining to the trash container (tote) program currently implemented by the Department of Public Works within the City of Beech Grove. Such ordinance shall establish Chapter 96, Section 96.10 of the "Code of Ordinances", and also be included in the "Code of Ordinances" Chapter 96, Section 96 Subsection 96.50 under fees. Mayor Buckley stated that he amended the wording of the ordinance which Councilor Jennings introduced at first reading the fee for trash totes, to read "such fees shall not exceed the cost to the city of a 96, 64 or 48 gallon tote at the time the request is made." Mayor Buckley asked Councilor Jennings if he approved, Councilor Jennings stated yes. Mayor Buckley asked for a recommendation to waive the

rules and read General Ordinance #15 by title only. Councilor Stewart made a motion to waive the rules for second reading by title only. Councilor Jennings seconded, motion to read General Ordinance #15 on second reading by title only approved by voice vote. Mayor Buckley asked for a recommendation to waive the rules and approve General Ordinance #15 on second reading. Councilor Stewart made a motion to approve General Ordinance #15 on second reading. Councilor Jennings seconded. Motion to approve General Ordinance #15 on second reading approved by voice vote. Councilor Bell made a motion to waive the rules for third and final reading and read General Ordinance #15 by title only. Councilor Coates seconded the motion, motion approved by voice vote to read General Ordinance #15 on third reading by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to approve General Ordinance #15, 2012 on third and final reading. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion. Motion approved to accept General Ordinance #15 on third and final reading by voice vote.

General Ordinance No. 16, 2012

...an ordinance that amends Chapter 96, Section 96 of the "Code of Ordinances" for the City of Beech Grove that establishes a voluntary "Commercial Trash Pick Up" program for businesses that are located in the City of Beech Grove. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to waive the rules on second reading and read by title only General Ordinance #16, 2012. Councilor Jennings made a motion to waive the rules on second reading and read General Ordinance #16, 2012 by title only. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion to read ordinance by title only. Motion to read by title only approved by voice vote. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to approve General Ordinance #16 on second reading. Councilor Stewart made a motion to approve General Ordinance #16 on second reading. Councilor Bell seconded the motion. Motion to approve General Ordinance #16 on second reading was approved by voice vote. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to waive the rules on third and final reading of General Ordinance #16, 2012 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to waive the rules on third and final reading of General Ordinance #16, 2012 by title only. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion. Motion to waive the rules and read by title only on third and final reading approved by voice vote. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to approve General Ordinance #16, 2012 on third and final reading. Councilor Jennings made a motion to approve General Ordinance #16, 2012 on third and final reading. Councilor Stewart seconded. Motion approved to accept General Ordinance #16 on third and final reading by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 18, 2012

...an ordinance of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds for the purpose of providing funds to be used for the costs of acquiring a fire truck and an ambulance, improving

several municipal building roofs and various infrastructure improvement and updates, and the incidental expenses in connection therewith. Mr. Aaron Jeanette of the Local 416 Firefighter's Union spoke on the issues regarding the vehicles, buildings and equipment at the fire department that need replaced and repaired. He urged the council to vote yes for this bond. Mr. Jeff Peters from Peters Consulting gave an overview on the City's financial status and Ms. Heather James from Ice Miller, LLP gave an overview on the various steps on the bond. Mr. Trent Newport from Crossroad Engineers gave an update on the process for Main Street construction. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to waive the rules and read General Ordinance #18, 2012 by title only on first reading. Councilor Stewart made a motion to read General Ordinance #18, 2012 by title only on first reading. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion. Motion to approve General Ordinance #18 on first reading votes are as follows: Councilor Jennings-nay, Councilor Harrison-aye, Councilor Davidson-nay, Councilor Bell-aye, Councilor Stewart-aye and Councilor Coates-nay. The vote was tied 3-3 and Mayor Buckley voted aye to break the tie. Councilor Jennings asked for an amendment to the ordinance on the final total from \$1,995,000 to \$1,680,000. The following were the items Councilor Jennings removed from the list: Radiant heat tubes at public works, heavy truck parking lot to be paved at public works, Lick Creek erosion control, would like to take \$200,000 of the total of \$300,000, replacement of Hilltop and South Grove shelters, live cable feed and security cameras in the park if they are night vision. Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan read back the list of items, along with the amounts that Councilor Jennings deleted from the bond issue. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to approve the amendment made to the bond issue. Vote to amend the ordinance was as follows: Councilor Jennings-aye, Councilor Harrison-nay, Councilor Davidson-aye, Councilor Bell-nay, Councilor Stewart-nay and Councilor Coates-nay. Motion to amend the ordinance failed 4-2. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to approve General Ordinance #18 on first reading. Motion approved 4-3 to approve General Ordinance #18 on first reading. Votes are as follows: Councilor Jennings-nay, Councilor Harrison-aye, Councilor Davidson-nay, Councilor Bell -aye, Councilor Stewart-aye and Councilor Coates-nay. Mayor Buckley voted aye to approve General Ordinance #18 on first reading to break the tie.

Ordinance No. 19, 2012

...an ordinance of the city of Beech Grove, Indiana appropriating the proceeds of the 2012 General Obligation Bond. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to read General Ordinance #19, 2012 on first reading by title only. Councilor Bell made a motion to read General Ordinance #19, 2012 by title only on first reading. Councilor Stewart seconded. Motion to read General Ordinance #19, 2012 by title only approved 5-1 by voice vote. Votes are as follows: Councilor Jennings-aye, Councilor Harrison-aye, Councilor Bell-aye, Councilor Stewart-aye, Councilor Coates-aye and Councilor Davidson-nay. Mayor Buckley stated that second reading of General Ordinance #18 will be read at the June 18th meeting.

General Ordinance No. 20, 2012

...an ordinance that amends ARTICLE XIV, Section 3 in the City of Beech Grove, Indiana Personnel

Manual on Nepotism. Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan read into record General Ordinance #20, 2012. Councilor Davidson commented that this ordinance follows closely with House Enrolled Act 1005 and asked the council to support this ordinance. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to approve General Ordinance #20, 2012 on first reading. Councilor Jennings made a motion to approve General Ordinance #20, 2012 on first reading. Councilor Davidson seconded. Motion approved on first reading by voice vote. Mayor Buckley stated that the ordinance will be heard on second and third reading at the June 18th meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS BY COUNCILORS:

Dave Mobley -Absent

John Jennings - Stated that this bond is your money. I will vote how my constituents want me to vote. Please contact your council person to let them know what you think.

Dave Harrison - Let your council person know what you think

Anthony Davidson – Congratulate the high school softball team and the police explorers on their accomplishments. Commended Officer Rinks on stepping up to bring back the police explorer program. Councilor Davidson stated that we should not comply with the wish list of items to add to the City debt because of poor fiscal habits. He also stated that the unwillingness cooperation of this council is ridiculous and uncalled for. Councilor Davidson stated that he hoped everyone would contact their council person and gave his phone number, email and Facebook page information.

Ed Bell – Thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see everyone at the public hearing. Councilor Bell reiterated what Councilor Jennings stated that the council needs to hear from its people in order to vote the proper way.

Kathy Coates – Applauded what Mary Stewart has said in reference to the bond issue. She thanked everyone for being here and stated again that we need to hear from all of you, because we represent you.

Mary Stewart - Thanked Jeff Peters and Heather James for their input. Councilor Stewart stated that the council should put their trust in the knowledge that the department heads have presented as to the needs and long term necessities for Beech Grove. Does not think that the City is asking for anything extravagant and they are trying to do what is best for the City of Beech Grove. Also urged people to contact their council person because we do represent you. They will do what is best for the City so they do not have to do things over, just do them right the first time.

Mayor Buckley thanked Jeff Peters and Heather James for their work on this bond, along with the department heads for their input. Mayor Buckley stated that he supports this bond and is looking forward to making improvements to the city. The bond ordinance will be heard on second reading only at the June 18th meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 18th , 2012, at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Jennings seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by Heather Brown