

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 15, 2010**

John Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** Five citizens signed in to speak. Bud Templin motioned to allow all to speak with a time limit of 6 minutes. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Dan McMillan, Joe Griffin, John Barnes, Rich Witmer, and Gerry McLaughlin spoke on Resolution 1, 2010.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** John Jennings re-introduced Resolution No. 1, 2010, A Resolution to Support Retaining Local Dispatch Services. Ross Barton motioned to table Resolution No. 1 on the basis of there still being no report from the task force, council members are in absence, and needed information on the budget. Mike Pence seconded the motion with the understanding that the resolution be heard after a report from the task force. In discussion, Ed Bell requested that all remaining questions the council has of the task force be put in list form and given to the task force. Bud Templin stated that the council had their time with the budget, going through it in detail and voting on it, and that the council would be taking a position against the Mayor putting dispatch on the chopping block with this resolution. John Jennings reminded Mr. Templin that the resolution is not being forgotten, and that despite the resolution not getting enough votes he did make sure it got tabled to reconsider it. The motion passed and the resolution was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Councilman Templin thanked John Jennings and the Mayor for getting the resolution on the agenda. He also thanked the supporters of dispatch and the resolution. He feels this is a serious issue that can change Beech Grove's history. He stated that when he makes comments he makes them as a council member, not as any other role he might have in the city.

Councilman Bell stated that he had one goal when he was elected, which was to appease and listen to people who put him in office. He is trying to do that. He is frustrated that the council is rehashing the same issues. He appreciates John's comments earlier in the year on the council working together, and hopes in the next 2 years this can happen.

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Councilman Pence stated that the council needs to look at the whole picture with dispatch and that the budget can't be ignored. He stated that with permanent tax caps up for vote soon, its hard to make decisions with unsure sources of revenue for the future.

Councilman Barton thanked everyone for their input. He also congratulated the BGHS Percussion Ensemble for making it to state competition.

Councilmen Jennings stated that he agrees that this can change history and therefore would like more information before voting on the resolution.

Mike Pence motioned to adjourn. John Jennings seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

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Joe Wright, Mayor

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Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer