

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2011**

Mayor Dilk called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Gregory Allison, Ross Barton, Ed Bell, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart and Buddy Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending was Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: The February 7th Council Meeting minutes were read into the record and approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Joe Griffin, of 65 S. 17th St, started by saying he wasn't against the roundabout project; however, he questioned Trent Newport's impartiality and asked why he has not held any meetings with Beech Grove citizens to solicit their input on the project.

REPORTS: Rob McNevin gave a report for the RDC. He stated they are in the process of evaluating the Digital City project. To avoid conflict with the St. Patrick's Day celebration, the RDC's next meeting will be moved to March 15. Mr. McNevin said that secondary to a comment by Dan McMillan he will hold RDC meetings regardless of quorum. This will facilitate addressing citizens asking questions. He further stated that he is trying to hold a meeting with Trent Newport to address concerns on the roundabout project. Councilors Stewart and Bell thanked Mr. McNevin for being so responsive to a citizen's request.

Chief Witmer gave the public safety report. He included that April 30, 2011 will be another Drug-Take-Back day. This is a day to turn in unused prescription drugs. The last day to sign up for this year's Citizens Police Academy is March 31, 2011.

Chris Duffer gave a financial report for the city. Included in this report was the Strategic Financial Plan and Analysis that explains the city's revenue estimates as it pertains to the 2011 budget. He stated that after careful analysis with Jeff Peters the 2011 budget is balanced.

The second report was a bank balance sheet that enumerated the city's actual bank balances at Regions Bank.

The last report was a fund report from Keystone, the city's accounting software. Councilors Bell and Templin thanked Mr. Duffer for his work on the financial reports.

The mayor told of a meeting held last week concerning City Court of Beech Grove discovery. The meeting was attended by a bipartisan committee of Mayor Dilk, Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer, Councilor Templin, Clerk of the Court Cindy Johnson and Administrative Clerk Julie Lockwood. The purpose of the meeting was to determine the financial status of the city court.

Mr. Duffer then explained the report to the council. The court in 2010 showed a net loss of \$32,909.31. He stated that after reforms the projected figures would be approximately \$49,235.00 profit and that the court appears to the committee to be able to support itself. Councilor Templin stated he would like to know how much money the city received from court fees prior to having our own court.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Templin motioned to appoint Don Smith to the fire merit board. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Jennings made a motion to reappoint William "Butch" Fennema as a library trustee. Councilor Barton seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Dilk then asked Mr. Warren Whittaker, whom the Council appointed last meeting to the RDC, to meet him at the podium to be sworn in, and so he was.

Mayor Dilk then asked Mr. Rick Skirvin to come to the podium as a mayoral appointment to the RDC to be sworn in, and so he was.

Mayor Dilk then asked Mr. Don Smith to come to the podium to be sworn in for the Beech Grove Fire Merit Board, as so he was also.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Mayor Dilk announced that beginning next month the Board of Works meetings will be moved to 6 PM just before the Council meeting and will no longer be held at its inconvenient time in the middle of the day.

Councilor Jennings stated he thought it was a good idea to move the Board of Works meeting. He also extended congratulations to Warren Whittaker, Rick Skirvin, Butch Fennema and Don Smith for their appointments. He then gave his usual basketball report.

Councilor Allison stated he has been impressed with the pencil sharpening, finances and transparency he has seen in his three months on the Council.

Councilor Barton wished to recognize Mr. Joe Griffin for his comments.

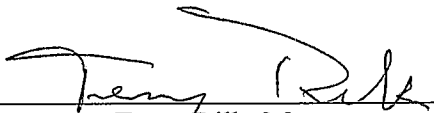
Councilor Stewart wished to congratulate the gentlemen that were sworn in this evening. She further stated that she was elated of the news of the Board of Works meetings being moved back to before the Council meeting. She also stated that she was happy to see the unification of the Council and the Mayor and everyone working toward a common goal.

Councilor Bell congratulated everyone that was sworn in. He also thanked Joe Griffin for his comments. He thanked the citizens that attended his town hall meeting. He further thanked the Mayor, Clerk Treasurer, Mary and Buddy for their attendance at his town hall meeting. He stated it had been frustrating for the past 3 1/2 years, but looks like we're finally going in the right

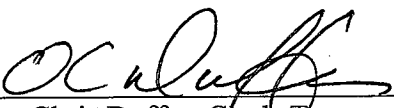
direction.

Councilor Templin spoke, and he did say, he appreciated comments from citizens such as Joe Griffin. He also wanted to compliment the mayor on moving the BOW meetings to before the council meetings. He also said, concerning fire consolidation, he realized the fire department needed the tools, and would like to see the involved parties come before the council and discuss the situation even though the council did value being an independent city.

Councilor Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.



Terry Dilk, Mayor



Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer