

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2010**

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

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, Bill Cincebox, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart and Buddy Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer, Mayor Joe Wright and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: Mary Stewart motioned to approve the October 11, 2010 minutes as read. Ross Barton seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Pam Stallard of 711 Churchman Avenue commented about the 2011 budget and asked the council not to pass the budget without Dispatch being included.

Chuck Fox of 274 Clark spoke and said we didn't have money for payroll, but we have money for a dog park. He asked the mayor if he agreed with him. The mayor stated he thought there had been many improvements in the city. Mr. Fox asked about fire or police personnel being laid off. The mayor responded it was civilian paramedics.

Geri McLaughlin of 1005 Byland Drive spoke saying she was glad the 2011 budget is fully funded, but that she sees no evidence of a Better, Brighter Beech Grove. She asked if the mold and leaks at City Hall have been addressed. Ms. McLaughlin asked if more money was going to be spent on Digital City. The mayor responded that Digital City, like the other projects are on hold. She asked about Greenway. The mayor responded that these are TIF projects that have been suspended until further funding is available. She further questioned the other projects. She stated public safety was compromised without dispatch.

Dan McMillan of 81 S. 13th Avenue spoke to our city being in a state of shambles because of the mayor. Mr. McMillan enumerated many items he considered overspending by Mayor Wright. He stated the mayor has laid off many people except in one place, his own office. He stated dispatch was vital for public safety and dispatch not being in this budget was unacceptable. He stated the court should be closed and those funds used to continue dispatch. He challenged even one Republican to come forward and save dispatch.

REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston read on second reading Special Ordinance No. 3, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 3, 2010 as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion. Councilor Templin explained his reason for a no vote. Mayor Wright wanted to clarify that 100% of the Rainy Day fund goes to personnel as it is character one money. The motion was approved by voice vote of

4-3. Mr. Logston read on third reading Special Ordinance No. 3, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 3, 2010 as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 4-3.

Mr. Logston read on second reading Special Ordinance No. 4, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 4, 2010 as read. Councilor Barton seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 4-3. Mr. Logston read on third reading Special Ordinance No. 4, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 4, 2010 as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 4-3.

Mr. Logston read on second reading Special Ordinance No. 5, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 5, 2010 as read. Councilor Barton seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 7-0. Mr. Logston read on third reading Special Ordinance No. 5, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 5, 2010 as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 7-0.

Mr. Logston read on second reading Special Ordinance No. 6, 2010, 2011 Budget by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 6, 2010 as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion. Councilor Templin talked about dispatch, lamenting its exclusion in the budget and his days at dispatch and giving some statistics as to its efficiency. The motion was approved by voice vote of 4-3. Mr. Logston read on third reading Special Ordinance No. 6, 2010 by title only. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept Special Ordinance No. 4, 2010 as read. Councilor Pence seconded the motion. Councilor Templin stated that those who vote yes for this can take pride in the fact that they are getting rid of the dispatch center for Beech Grove Indiana. Councilors Bell and Steward reiterated and concurred with what Councilor Templin said. The motion was approved by voice vote of 4-3.

All votes of 4-3 were comprised of 4 Republican yeas, 3 Democrat nays.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Wright asked for a motion to include the 3 Special Resolutions on tonight's agenda. Councilor Jennings so motioned, Councilor Cincebox seconded which was approved by voice vote.

Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston read into the record by title only the first reading of Special Ordinance No. 7, 2010 – A Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officers and Employees. Councilor Cincebox moved to accept Special Ordinance No. 7, 2010 as read. Councilor Steward seconded the motion. Councilor Templin questioned why the elected officials were not included in this ordinance. Mr. Logston stated that that would be a separate ordinance to be created yet this year. The Ordinance was approved by voice vote of 7-0.

Mr. Jeff Peters of Peters Municipal Consultants read Resolution October 25, 2010 (1) into the record. Councilor Jennings moved to accept Resolution October 25, 2010 (1) as read. Councilor Pence seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 7-0

Mr. Peters read Resolution/Statement (2) into the record. Councilor Jennings moved to accept

Resolution October 25, 2010 (1) as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 7-0

Mr. Peters read Resolution October 25, 2010 (3) into the record. Councilor Stewart moved to accept Resolution October 25, 2010 (3) as read. Councilor Cincebox seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote of 7-0

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Councilor Templin thanked Dan McMillan and Joe Griffin for their comments at the October 11, 2010 council meeting. Councilor Templin requested another air quality test be done on City Hall. He would also like to see the Board of Works meetings moved to coincide with the Council meetings; either before or after. He challenged the citizens to call dispatch and thank them for their efforts over the years.

Councilor Bell thanked dispatch and the other employees lost to cutbacks. He thanked all citizens that were at the council meetings and at his town hall meetings.

Councilor Stewart stated she agrees with the two gentlemen to her left (Councilors Bell and Templin). She also expressed her gratitude to the dispatchers. She wanted to go on record as wanting to keep dispatch in the budget. She was also grateful to those who offered assistance during the budget process.

Councilor Jennings wanted to thank Jeff Peters for his efforts with the budget.

Councilor Barton wanted to offer his encouragement for the high school band going to State this week.

Mayor Wright thanked the Council during this hard time. He wanted people to know he would also like to keep dispatch and if there were a way to do it, it was his intention. He stated the property tax caps were real and their effects were underestimated. He hoped for good news on the appeals, shortfalls and collections. He also stated that the states' income tax collections continue to fall and that adversely affects the City with lower amounts of revenue. He regrets making cutbacks like everyone else at the table.

Councilors Pence and Cincebox had no comments.

Councilor Stewart motioned to adjourn. Councilor Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Joe Wright, Mayor

Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer