

RDC Meeting January 26, 2017

The Beech Grove RDC held the first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at BG City Hall. The start time was 7:02pm or 1902 hours. The following 2016 officers attending were President Donald Webb, Vice President Ron Mote and Secretary Cathy Chappell.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last 2 meetings held in November and December 2016. Ron Mote made the motion and seconded by Cathy Chappell. Motion carried.

2016 members who will not be returning include Mac Bellner, Jannis King and School Board Rep, Tammy Storey.

Two new members include Mr. Jay Oswalt and School Board representative, Rick Skirvin. Jay was in attendance, but Rick had a previous commitment. Mayor Buckley stated he has one more person to appointment to the commission and he would make a selection the following week.

Cathy Chappell was nominated to be the secretary for 2017, Ron Mote made a motion, seconded by Don Webb and Cathy will remain secretary.

Cathy Chappell made a motion to once again elect Ron Mote as Vice President, seconded by Don Webb. Ron will continue as VP.

Ron Mote made a motion to once again select Donald Webb to be President for 2017, Cathy Chappell seconded. All were in favor and once again Don will be President for the 2017 year.

Two invoices were presented to the RDC. The first invoice was for \$476.25. Those owed money included Tim Showalter, the sewer bill and Jackson Lewis Law Firm. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Ron Mote and seconded by Jay Oswalt. The second invoice was for \$21, 914.05. Those companies owed funds were Crossroads Engineers and Lewis & Kappes Law Firm. Ron Mote made another motion, seconded by Jay Oswalt, motion carried.

Mayor Buckley spoke briefly regarding the community and what was taking place. First order of business was to swear in the 2017 Redevelopment Commissioners. He thanked the members for a job well done and said how grateful he was for the leadership.

Mayor Buckley said there was nothing to report regarding the professional buildings on 17th Avenue across from the original St. Francis Hospital. Next topic was the roundabout on Arlington Avenue. He stated Citizens Gas would be moving the utilities and things were progressing.

The next meeting regarding the greenway would be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Trent Newport, President of CrossRoad Engineers and the design engineers would be present. He invited the RDC members to also attend.

Mayor Buckley announced Kinetric was going to be bought out by an investment company located in Chicago.

Other projects discussed by Mayor Buckley included sidewalks needed on the north side of Churchman from the corner of Emerson to the BG Fire Station. This is not part of the Churchman Project.

A meeting was to take place next Tuesday at 9am to discuss the work being done inside the St. Francis Hospital Buildings.

On March 1, 2017 a bid will be awarded for the Churchman Project. Work will start in late spring and the cost is 1.4 million dollars, of which the RDC also contributed.

Mayor Buckley talked about the need for new and improved LED lighting on Emerson Avenue. The cost would be \$8000.00 and he asked if it was something the BGRDC could contribute to. A motion was made by President Donald Webb and seconded by VP Ron Mote. The vote was unanimous and the commission will be donating \$4000.00. The new lighting will save the city \$3700.00.

The Mayor stated that 2 million dollars of city improvements has taken place with no debt.

It was voted on by the 2017 RDC Commissioners to change the meetings to the second Thursday of each month. The February meeting will take place at City Hall, Feb. 9, 2017 at 7:00pm (1900 hours).

A motion was made by Ron Mote to adjourn, seconded by Cathy Chappell.
The meeting ended at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Cathy Chappell