

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 7, 2010**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: Chris Duffer states that August meeting minutes will have to be recreated from video of said meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston read an explanation of the Sewage Payments from the City of Beech Grove to the City of Indianapolis that pertains to outstanding monies owed for sewage treatment and services. He further states there are roughly offsetting payments from the City of Indianapolis that Beech Grove owes to Indianapolis.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Three citizens signed in to speak. There was no time limit assigned to the speakers. First to speak was Pam Stallard; her comments addressed over spending and other ethics questions by the current administration. She asks for the mayor's resignation.

Second was Gerry McLaughlin. Her comments concerned the Mayor communicating with voters, blaming property tax cuts for financial concerns. She has questions on City Court & RDC being a financial liability, keeping dispatch and concerns of mold at City Hall.

Third, Chuck Fox asked if the mayor has a budget at home. He commented that someone he knows got fired for spending \$53 on hooks and sinkers and that the Mayor should quit and paint the rest of his fence.

REPORTS: Tim Latimer gave a report for the Greenscape Committee. Chief Witmer gave a report for the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Templin asked if the City was still planning to pay Dispatch employees until the end of the year. The mayor responded yes. The RDC president was not present; however, Mayor Wright stated that RDC projects have been suspended due to the property tax situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston read into the record Resolution No. 5, 2010, A Resolution authorizing the City of Beech Grove to submit a USEPA Community Wide Assessment Grant Application. Mike Pence made a motion to bring Resolution No. 5, 2010 to the floor for discussion, Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. Councilor Templin clarified that this grant will not cost the City any money. The resolution was passed by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin stated that he and the Councilor Steward and Councilor Bell voted against the 2010 budget because it didn't fund itself, as they voted against raises for city employees. Councilor Templin quoted a news article that quoted the mayor saying it was a "shame" the city passed an unfunded budget. He therefore challenged the Republican Councilors to question the upcoming budget and movement of funds within the current budget. He also challenged the Mayor to include the democratic Councilors on the 2011 budget. He further thanked the new Clerk-Treasurer for stepping into a difficult position. The Councilor also expressed his desire to keep the City of Beech Grove intact as its own independent City, including all city services.

Councilman Bell stated that he would resume his Town Hall Meetings; with the next one being scheduled for October 12, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Senior Citizen's Center. His hope is that it will be a candidate's forum just before the November election.

Councilors Stewart, Pence, Cincebox and Barton had no comment.

Councilor Stewart motioned to adjourn. Councilor Barton seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Joe Wright, Mayor

Chris Duffer, Clerk-Treasurer