

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2014**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Dave Mobley, John Jennings, Dave Harrison, Anthony Davidson, Ed Bell, Mary Stewart and Kathy Coates. Also present were, Mayor, Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan, and City Attorney, Craig Wiley.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Beech Grove City Court –presented by Judge Andrew Wells

Judge Andrew Wells reported the following:

In 2013 over 4600 cases were filed as a direct result of the Interlocal agreements that the Council entered into with Speedway, Southport and Lawrence. Southport started in 2012. Speedway and Lawrence both started in the middle of the year in 2013. Speedway files both moving violations and code enforcement violations in Beech Grove City Court. Lawrence files only code enforcement citations, so there are areas for them to expand if they so choose.

Total disbursements were over \$450,000.00.

The net revenue paid from the Beech Grove City Court to the City of Beech Grove in 2013 was just over \$116,000.00.

Judge Wells also explained that Beech Grove collects less revenue from deferrals than other cities, because they write more state codes. Judge Wells also presented the Council with a comparison from 2012 to 2013 on the financials. Deferral for Beech Grove for the month of January was \$2,500.00. This amount varies greatly each month varying from a couple hundred dollars each month to much more.

Judge Wells stated that he and the Mayor have been in discussions regarding how beneficial the Court will be to the new position of Compliance Officer.

Judge Wells also explained that he and City Attorney Craig Wiley have been in discussions to revise Local Ordinances to mirror closer to State Statute.

Judge Wells also reported that they have been updating their computer system to make it more user friendly and easier for the staff to use.

The court recorded 330 filings in January 2014. Judge Wells explained that the City of Beech Grove does not write a lot of deferrals on local ordinances and when they are written on state infractions, and those infractions get deferred, the state receives all that money, approximately \$140.00. When a deferral is written on a local code the City gets all that money. The City of Beech Grove writes a healthy amount on state codes, not local codes. The City of Southport and Speedway write the majority of theirs on local codes. That is why you see their numbers higher. All their deferrals are local codes, so they get all that money. City Attorney Craig Wiley commented that the City of Beech Grove seems out of whack when compared to Speedway or other cities. He wondered if there was anything the City could do to assist the officers with increasing deferrals. Judge Wells stated that the Prosecutor has been meeting with all the parties to discuss deferrals and discuss the option; which is why you see the increase in deferral revenues in January. Judge Wells remarked that he cannot negotiate deferral that is up to the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the January 21st, 2013 minutes to the Council. Councilor Bell noted that the next meeting date is listed as February 2nd, instead of February 3rd. Clerk McMillan stated that the correction will be made. Councilor Jennings made a Motion to approve the minutes with the date change; Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Greenscape Commission – presented by Tim Latimer

Tim reported on the trees and shrubs that we have on Main Street; which includes Red Oaks, Black Tupeloes, Honey Locusts, Zelcovas, Ginkgo, Mailes Arborvitaes and Hubs. In the spring, when the trees begin to leaf out, the Commission will do an inventory of the trees on Main Street and those trees will be added to their Inventory. This year they will update their tree inventory throughout the city. There are still 4 trees that are too close to fire hydrants on Main Street and this is in violation of City Ordinance. Two trees were moved to Central Elementary.

At the last Greenscape Commission Meeting, Dave Miller shared plans for a Living Sanctuary Garden; which will be installed on the grounds of the Benedictine Center. This is with help from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. The garden will feature native plants, flowers, grasses, trees, benches, & ADA pathways.

Tim also commented that homeowners should conduct an inspection of their trees for damage, before the trees leaf out. Personal safety is very important and a good rule of thumb is, if your feet have to leave the ground to use a chain saw, call a professional service.

Tim also reported that the Commission has been reviewing grant options. There are between 8 and 10 grants they will review closer, to ascertain if they can be of use to any organizations. If it is determined that they can be, the Commission will help write them.

Tim had 3 announcements this evening:

- April 25th, 2014 is Arbor Day
- The City of Beech Grove renewed its “Tree City” status with flying colors.
- The next Greenscape Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 pm at Hornet Park Community Center.

Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – presented by, RDC President, Joe Griffin

Joe reported that the RDC webpage has recently been updated on the website and links have been included on laws for the RDC and Urban Redevelopment. Joe also reported that he attended the Marion County Planning Consortium. Joe shared a considerable amount of information that was very informational. Joe also shared some happenings from their RDC meeting.

Public Safety – none- meeting canceled due to inclement weather

ABC –none- meeting canceled due to inclement weather

Mayor's Liaison Report – none

Financial Report- presented by, Clerk Treasurer McMillan

2013 Financial Report

The city website continues to grow and is a great source of information for the citizens of Beech Grove. This year a "Document Center" has been added; which provides easy access to minutes, financial reports and more. The website remains staffed by volunteers and the nominal fee for the website continues to be paid for by a local business; which results in a cost to the taxpayer of \$0. Thanks so much to these wonderful volunteers. I appreciate very much their service to our city.

The Main Street project is almost completely paid for. Crossroads Engineering has informed me that we should only have a couple of invoices still to come.

We ended December 31, 2013 with a balance of \$1,618,374.19 in our corporate bank account. I only mention this because when we took office on January 3, 2012 the city had ended December 31, 2011 with a \$219,725.85 balance in the corporate bank account. That balance was less than the costs of one payroll. The city does not have an excess of funds, but I do feel that we are getting closer to providing the citizens and employees a city which is on financially stable ground. The recommendation for a budget our size is that we maintain a 15% reserve in our bank account at all times. That would be 1.6 million dollars and it is to that goal that we are working.

Our 2014 TAW is for \$2,158,492.00; which is approximately \$130,000.00 less than 2013.

The budget for 2014 is approximately \$10, 800,000.00. That is an increase of less than \$300.00 from 2013, yet we added many improvements. I have highlighted a few below:

- Increased funds in the Local Roads & Streets Budget for paving and street repairs
- Funding for sidewalks using the matching 80/20 "Safe Routes to School Grant" ; which we are partnering with Beech Grove City Schools who are splitting the cost of the project

- Funding to replace Street and Informational signs throughout the city using the 90/10 “Sign Replacement Grant”
- Funding for the lease/purchase of four new vehicles for each of the Fire & Police Departments
- Funding for the lease/purchase of a Skid Steer for Department of Public Works.
- Funding for a position for a Compliance Officer
- Funding for a Sanitary/ Storm Water Supervisor- Phil Gurganus
- Increased funds for Sewage Projects from \$200,000.00 to \$290,000.
- Increased funds for overtime for Fire & Police from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for each Department.

That is the larger improvements. There are many smaller improvements that are not listed above.

The Clerk’s Office implemented a new accounting software program in April of 2013. It tracks transactions in real time and is a huge asset to the city and documentation of financial records.

A huge improvement was seen in our State Board of Accounts Audit; which is available online at www.beechgrove.com.

We hired Jeff Peter’s firm to work with us to resolve issues pertaining to the Main Street Loans. We now have spreadsheets that are accurate and up to date. Our City Attorney has been actively pursuing delinquent Main Street Loans in an effort to bring them current per State Board of Accounts Audit. The Main Street Loan program was negatively reported on State Board of Account’s Audits for a number of years and accurate records were not kept.

Lastly, Kudos to the Department Heads serving the City of Beech Grove who make every effort to work within the budgets they are given. They do a nice job serving the Citizens of Beech Grove and watching out for our taxpayer dollars. We appreciate very much, their service to our city.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
 City of Beech Grove Indiana

Councilor Stewart complimented Clerk McMillan on the report; remarking that the information it contained is informative and easy to understand.

Youth Council- presented by Mike Jennings

Mayor Buckley commented that this Youth Council is a result of General Ordinance No. 30, 2012, sponsored by Councilor Davidson, and passed by the Beech Grove City Council on September 4, 2012. Mayor Buckley stated that he approached Steve Cox in an effort to have the youth start reporting. Mike Jennings will be reporting to the Council this evening and his dad is Councilor John Jennings, District 4. Mayor Buckley expressed to the Council how impressed he is with Mike and his younger sister. Mayor Buckley thanked him for coming.

Mike Jennings gave a brief introduction of himself- he is a Senior at BGHS and he is involved in Basketball and the Academic Team.

Mike reported the following:

The Student Leadership team was composed in an effort to try to better the school. The administration felt that input from the students is important, because they know what needs to be done, what might need to be changed and what is going good from the student prospective. There are 16 students; which are 4 from each class.

The focus of the Team is to try to get students more involved. An example would be to get basketball players to go to choir events and band members to go to a soccer match. This past weekend the high school hosted BG Idol Talent Show; which is a Choir/Band Showcase. Choir & Band is very celebrated at BGHS.

The following students won:

- 4th Place- Delaney Mitchell- *"On My Own"*
- 3rd Place-Mckayla Willever- *"Lego House"*
- 2nd Place-Stepanie Vollmer- *"Mirror"*
- 1st Place-Jimmy Geiger-Playing Piano and Singing- *"I Won't Give Up"*

Andrew Busch & Lauren Baker were the hosts and some of the Alumni participated.

The Wrestlers had IHSAA Sectionals this past weekend at Shelbyville and BGHS advanced 5 wrestlers. They are as follows:

- Senior, Demonte Dawkins-won the 106 weight class and claimed the Sectional Championship
- Freshman, Cody Conaway-finished 4th place
- Junior, Evan Smiley- finished 3rd Place
- Junior, Nick Plyter-finished 2nd Place
- Senior, Dave Stonerock- finished 4th Place

The wrestlers will be participating in the Regionals at Perry Meridian High School, Saturday, February 8th.

The Hornets basketball teams also competed this past weekend-

- Varsity competed against local rival Lutheran High School and they brought home a victory with a final score of 61-44.
- The Junior Varsity Team won as well with a victory over Lutheran 66-36.
- The Freshman Basketball Team competed in the Triton Central Freshman Invitational where they brought home two victories- the first was against Lutheran with a score of 49-28 and then beating Triton Central in the Championship Game with a score of 49-29. These wins move the Freshman Hornets to a record of 12-3.

In the pool, the Hornets hosted the BG Swim Invite; which included Cascade, Park Tudor, Mt. Vernon, and Seccina. Both the boys and girls worked very hard and many of the finishes were tightly contested.

The following swimmers brought home victories:

- Allen Mayer (50 Free)
- Vilis Vuskalns (500 Free)
- Recie Johnson -2 Victories (200 Free) (100 Breaststroke)

The boys' team will be in action Tuesday, February 4th at Cascade and the girl's team will be in the IHSAA Sectional at Lawrence North on Thursday, February 6th.

This Thursday is Senior Night for the Girls Basketball Team. The girls will be honoring 3 Senior's.

They are as follows:

- Taylor Peavey
- Shannon Newerth
- Kayla Kaiser

The Students of the Month are as follows:

- Brie Spurgeon- Student of the Month
- Recie Johnson- Edward Jones Investment Scholar of the Month

Mike commented again on how committed the Leadership Team is in trying to get students involved in a variety of activities and events, and to show more school spirit.

The first meeting of the District School Community Council; which was founded by Dr. Kaiser, will be held Tuesday, February 18th. The Council is composed of 50 families, 10 from each of the 5 schools- Hornet Park, Central, South Grove Intermediate, Middle School and High School. Mike believes this is an effort to get input from parents.

Councilor Mobley asked if there is a girls' basketball game Thursday night –Senior Night. Mike commented that there is a game. Junior Varsity begins at 6:00pm and Varsity follows.

Councilor Coates asked if the Community Council is opened to anyone.

Councilor Jennings commented that he believes this is an effort to try to get families involved that have children in multiple schools and they have approached multiple families and he is sure they will welcome anyone who wants to get involved.

Councilor Coates commented that she is very interested in focusing on the youth, -what is happening out there and what they can provide for them, to help direct them on the right path. Councilor Coates also commented that this sounds very intriguing.

Mike commented that this is the first year for the Student Leadership Team and it's a good way to generate ideas on what can be done to offer better opportunities for the students and to evaluate what changes the students think need to be made, such as dress codes.

Councilor Jennings asked Mike if he is in favor of implementing a dress code.

Mike responded no; which is how most students think about this change. There are some issues that need to be resolved in the dress code, before it is implemented.

Councilor Harrison asked Mike if he plays basketball and if so how he did in the game against Lutheran.

Mike said personally, he played alright, but they won the game and that is what is most important.

Councilor Jennings asked Mike if he feels that he has ever personally played up to his own standard.

Mike answered, no.

Councilor Mobley commented that Mike is a very good player.

Clerk McMillan asked Mike if he could use his notes for reference to complete his minutes and he will return them as soon as he has finished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Buckley gave a brief history on what transpired at the last meeting regarding the issue with the Election of the Council President. Please refer to minutes from January 21, 2014.

Election - Council President

Councilor Mobley nominated Councilor Davidson. Councilor Harrison nominated Councilor Bell.

Councilor Coates made a Motion to close the nominations; Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

A voice vote was taken and the results were as follows:

District One- Councilor Mary Stewart- Councilor Bell
District Two-Councilor Bell- Himself
District Three- Councilor Davidson- Himself
District 4- Councilor Jennings- Councilor Davidson
District 5- Councilor Harrison- Councilor Bell
Council – At –Large- Councilor Coates- Councilor Bell
Council –At- Large- Dave Mobley- Councilor Bell

The vote was 4-3 in for Councilor Bell. Councilor Ed Bell will remain *President Pro Tem* until January of 2015. Councilor Jennings congratulated Councilor Bell.

RDC Nominations:

Councilor Bell stated that there are 2 current RDC Members that would like to continue- Joe Griffin and Donald Webb and a new nomination is Terry Bellner. Councilor Bell asked everyone if they have had the opportunity to interview Mr. Bellner and everyone did.

The vote was as follows:

District One- Mary Stewart- Terry Bellner & Joe Griffin
District Two- Ed Bell- Terry Bellner & Donald Webb
District Three- Anthony Davidson- Terry Bellner & Donald Webb
District Four-John Jennings- Joe Griffin & Donald Webb
District Five- Dave Harrison- Terry Bellner & Donald Webb
Council-At-Large- Kathy Coates- Terry Bellner & Donald Webb
Council-At-Large-Dave Mobley-Terry Bellner & Donald Webb

Donald Webb received 6 votes. Terry Bellner received 6 votes. Joe Griffin received two votes. Donald Webb & Terry Bellner received the appointment from Council to serve as their 2 RDC appointments Councilor Jennings congratulated Mr. Bellner & Mr. Webb on their nomination.

Resolution No. 1, 2014

...Appointments to the Redevelopment Commission

Clerk McMillan read the Ordinance into the record in its entirety.

Councilor Jennings made a Motion to approve Resolution No.1, 2014 on Second Reading.

Councilor Davidson commented that he would like to amend the Ordinance. Councilor Jennings commented that this would be a great time for an amendment.

Councilor Davidson would like to amend the Ordinance in accordance with the guidance he received from Charlie Pride, Supervisor, State Board of Accounts. Under the beginning of the Ordinance, Beech Grove Safety Program he would like to add “the Common Council here by establishes the Beech Grove Safety Program as set forth herein”.

Councilor Jennings made a Motion to accept the Amendment; Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion.

Councilor Bell commented that he spoke to Todd Austin at the State Board of Accounts and he was told that there is concern because this has not being funded or appropriated in the budget.

Councilor Davidson commented that he spoke to Charlie Pride and he had no objection to it. Clerk McMillan reiterated that he received the same information from Todd Austin that Councilor Bell received and that this would not be correct.

Councilor Davidson stated that Charlie Pride has been there for awhile.

Clerk McMillan stated that Todd Austin has been too and both are Supervisors with the State Board of Accounts.

Councilor Jennings asked what we are questioning, and are we saying this is not legal.

Clerk McMillan stated that is correct. Councilor Jennings deferred to City Attorney Craig Wiley for advice.

Councilor Davidson advised that the Council should pass this on Second reading and it will give time for Craig to review.

Craig asked if the issue is because it is not a budgeted item. Clerk McMillan replied "that is correct" and there is no appropriation for it. Craig remarked that Councilor Davidson is correct in regard to this is just Second Reading and he also expressed that he is a little skeptical because it is not a budgeted item. He further commented that he would like additional time to look into this as there appears to be a split of authority.

Councilor Jennings made a Motion to accept the Ordinance on Second Reading. Mayor Buckley stated that there is an Amendment on the floor that must be voted on first. The Council voted on the Amendment and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Coates commented that the Amendment creates the Council, and Mayor Buckley remarked that the Ordinance creates the Council and the Amendment provides clarity. Councilor Coates then commented that the bottom line is the disagreement is with the funding. Councilor Coates also commented that she recalls the General Fund being mentioned and she is concerned about where the initial funds will come from. Councilor Davidson commented that it is already funded that they will just move money from the deferral program into this fund. Clerk McMillan stated that is incorrect and that it is not funded and State Statute does not allow you to just move Funds because you want to, and that was what Todd Austin had a problem with. Councilor Davidson stated that he disagrees 100%. Councilor Coates commented that she

Judge Wells stood up to speak and he stated that there are a lot of different things the Council can do if they need to create another fund. They can put a 60 day, 6 month, or 1 year wait on it to accumulate the money. Ordinance Deferrals vary drastically and come in on a monthly basis. The Council will not be able to account exactly how much revenue the deferrals will generate, so if you want to you could create a specific fund that is tied directly to the deferral revenues and earmark it for 2015. State Board of Accounts knows the state budget, but they are not attorney's. He would encourage the Council to investigate a creative solution or the possibility of other options.

Judge Wells stated that as a citizen he would like to this program or something similar put into place. He stated that he believes it is necessary to reduce crime and increase the Police presence in the neighborhoods. He is not encourage with a wife and children at home alone, during the day reading about the problems they have had with people knocking on doors during the day. He supports some type of program.

Councilor Harrison commented that no one is arguing

Clerk McMillan commented that the simple solution would be to write more local ordinance; which would bring in more revenues.

Judge Wells stated he does not think that is the intent of the program. He believes the intent of the program is to increase police presence on the streets, effectively minimizing crime, and accomplishing this in the most economically feasible way, while still providing the police with opportunities for overtime pay. Judge Wells stated that there are only 4 officers per evening shift and Chief Swartz concurred.

Clerk McMillan commented again that writing local deferrals versa state deferrals would bring more money into the city.

Judge Wells stated that is correct, but not all state codes can be wrote on local ordinances.

Craig commented that maybe they should approve this contingent upon it taking effect in 2015 and Clerk McMillan agreed.

Councilor Jennings made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 1, 2014, as amended, for Second Reading; Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Harrison asked if Charlie Pride both work for the State Board of Accounts. Clerk McMillan answered, yes. Councilor Harrison asked if they work in the same office. Clerk McMillan answered, they do. It is just who answers the phone when you call there.

Councilor Coates asked who would be tasked with researching this. Councilor Jennings stated that would be Councilor Bell, Councilor Davidson and Craig.

Councilor Coates stated that she believes everyone agrees the program is needed and a good idea. It would help the Police Department, and be good use of money, time and resources, but it's the money issue that is presenting the problem.

Councilor Harrison stated that it's not just the \$5,000.00 it's the overtime too and he asked Clerk McMillan for confirmation on that.

Clerk McMillan stated that the bigger issue is that it raises the budget. The Council passed a budget and now they want to raise it and they can't. Clerk McMillan stated that the Police Department might have overtime money, but there is not \$5,000.00 to seed this.

Councilor Coates stated she understands that. The money is the issue- where is it coming from? If from the actual deferrals, as the Judge stated, then get some money in the bank so to speak, and then start the program. Let's approve it because it's a good idea, but don't staff it until we have the money.

Councilor Harrison stated that he doesn't understand how Councilor Davidson and Councilor Bell can both call the same office at the State Board of Accounts and receive conflicting answers from 2 different supervisors.

Clerk McMillan commented that it could be in the way the question was asked. Councilor Harrison asked Councilor Davidson if he asked Charlie Pride about the \$5,000.00. Councilor Davidson said he called Charlie Pride first and then ask him if it would be better if he sent him the Ordinance, so he sent him the entire Ordinance in an email. Charlie Pride reviewed the email and sent it back with the recommendation of the amendment; which was approved tonight. Clerk McMillan asked Councilor Davidson if he made Charlie Pride aware that it is not a budgeted item. Clerk McMillan stated that Todd Austin was aware and that is the difference. Councilor Stewart stated that is a huge difference.

Councilor Jennings asked for a Point of Order.

Mayor Buckley stated that concludes unfinished business and they will move to Council Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Dave Mobley – Welcome Mr. Bellner to the RDC and I encouraged everyone to attend the BGHS Girls Basketball Game on Thursday night it is Senior Night.

Councilor John Jennings – April 25th is going to be the Arbor Day Celebration and I have been to that a couple of times to learn how to correctly plant a tree is actually more of an art than what you would assume. Plus, they do a great job and you are doing something for your city and that is always something good to be involved in. Congratulations to the gentleman on the RDC. That is all I have this evening since Michael stole all my sports scores.

Councilor Dave Harrison – Good meeting and I enjoyed the Youth Council. I congratulate John on a son that is well versed. How many points did he score? Councilor Jennings stated that Michael averages 7 points. He usually hits two “3 pointers” and 1 free throw, but this time he hit 1 “3 pointer” and 4 free throws, but he gets his 7.

Councilor Anthony Davidson – I am glad to hear the good news on the Main Street Loan Program and I am glad that we did not choose to scrap it when we first came onto the Council. I know that came through and we did not get rid of it. It sounds like it is starting to make sense.

I thank Mike Jennings for his comments on the Youth Council and what great high school athletic programs and athletes we have; which is evident with the people that are going to sectionals and regionals.

The next Council Meeting I will be introducing two Ordinances; the first is an internet policy for city employees and the second is a complete overhaul of the animal code. Much like the one I did on the building code, it's the entire chapter. When you start changing one thing it just leads to another and ends up more work. On the building permits we ended up changing the entire chapter.

Congratulations to Terry on his appointment to the RDC.

Councilor Davidson stated that he really hopes they can come to a resolution on the Public Safety Program, without getting so hostile. Just like the Judge said there are places we can meet, but yet as a Council we still don't know how to work together, research things and come up with a resolution. It's always "he's right, he's wrong, thing" and I hope we can get beyond that, but unfortunately tonight's not the night.

Councilor Ed Bell –Congratulations to Terry and Don on their appointments to the RDC. The whole point with Resolution No 1 he believes is good, but he does not want to approve an ordinance without being sure it is legal and correct. He is not an attorney and he agrees with councilor Davidson they should research things before approving them.

Councilor Mary Stewart – First, I am very impressed with Michael Jennings, did he leave? Councilor Jennings answered homework. Councilor Stewart continued- I just wanted to say you should be very proud of him, I would be. He presented himself very well and he was very prepared and that is always a huge accomplishment.

I think we all should support Mark Parker and the BGHS Girls Basketball Team they have worked very hard.

I want to thank Joe Griffin for his service and accomplishments on the RDC. Congratulations to Mr. Bellner & Mr. Webb on their appointments to the RDC.

Thank you for some good back and forth with what we're trying to do with Resolution No. 1. I think it's a health thing, but we just need to get to the bottom of it and find out who has the correct information and Thank you everyone for coming.

Councilor Kathy Coates –Congratulation to the new RDC members and thank you Joe for your service, I appreciate it. It is an unfortunate thing, in my opinion, that because of all these rules we can't just sit down and have a conversation between reasonable people because we all have the basic understanding and intent to do the right thing for the city. No one wants to do anything wrong for Beech Grove and this is why we're all here.

It shouldn't matter if we're Republican or Democrat, we should just do what is right for Beech Grove and have civil discourse on it, but because of quorums and rules and Caucusus's we have to do it all out here and it looks ugly sometimes and I apologize for all that. Thank you all for coming.

Mayor Buckley- Councilors, before you leave, in front of you this evening, is a red packet that is a great deal of information pursuant to Stormwater Management, and I ask that you study this. After reviewing this material, if you have questions please call Wessler or anyone listed in your packet. The City established a Stormwater Utility back in 2006 and we haven't moved it forward since. The City has several major drainage problems, and at the next meeting we are going to hold a Public Hearing to receive testimony from citizens that have stormwater issues. I am going to ask you to move on a couple of ordinances to move our Stormwater Utility forward. Over the next week or so, you will be receiving information pursuant to that in an effort to give you as much time as possible to review. I planned on introducing that at our next meeting. Councilor Davidson, I am willing to work with you on the animal ordinance and the other ordinance, but this is something we need to do, and something the city should've done a long time ago, but that's alright. It should be our intent to fix our stormwater issues, so we will move on that at the next meeting. I apologize for putting this letter in your packet it should have went in your red packet.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Jennings moved to adjourn; Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 3rd, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan