

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday March 5th 2012

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the minutes from the February 6th meeting. There was a question on the minutes by Councilor Davidson about the vote on Ordinance #3, 2012. Clerk Treasurer McMillan said he would check on this and make any changes necessary. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept the minutes subject to amending the minutes. Councilor Davidson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by voice vote. *(Note: After review, no amendment to the February 6, 2012 meeting minutes was required.)*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Members of the Beech Grove High School Swim Team were honored for their achievements this season in the Indiana Crossroads Conference and IndianCreek Relays, along with Athletic Director Kevin Stephenson, Head Coach Oscar Vuskalins, and Assistant Coach Jim Whilen.

Ralph Vanderbaan was recognized for 50 years of barbering service to our community. Ralph's Barber Shop is located at 24 South 5th Avenue. Mayor Buckley presented both with plaques from the City.

Councilor Jennings assisted with the BGHS Swim Team Presentation.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Mike Jarvis gave a report on proceedings of the Marion County Alcohol Board regarding liquor license renewals and requests for Beech Grove.

REPORTS: Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented his financial report. The city's budget for 2012 is \$10,111,000.00, which is \$158,000.00 less than last year. The total debt for the city is \$9.6 million, of which \$2.395 million is short-term debt. The capital assets of the city are valued at \$129 million and the physical assets of the city are \$2 million for a total of \$131 million. The CTAR report (the Annual City and Town Financial Report) was completed and published in two newspapers per State statute. The Gateway is something new mandated by the state this year. It had to be completed and reported by February 28th. Information reported consisted of financial data, debt information, and capital assets. To date across the state only 96% have submitted this annual report, and only 56% have submitted the debt portion. Beech Grove was in the top 32% to submit the debt management report. The new city website was launched on January 8th. Clerk Treasurer McMillan is the website administrator of the website and works with two volunteers to update this site on a daily basis. As of March 5th the website had over 60,000 "hits". Stephanie Hubbard gave the report for the Redevelopment Commission. The commission has had two meetings to date this year. The next meeting will be held on March 8th at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Buckley stated Tim Latimer had submitted a written report for the Greenscape Commission prior to tonight's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: General Ordinance #3, 2012 was withdrawn for consideration by Mayor Buckley. Councilor Davidson has a committee continuing to work on the matter of license and permit fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Ordinance #4, 2012, - an ordinance that amends Chapters 39.01, 39.02, 39.03 and 39.04 of the "Ordinance Violations Bureau" Section of the "Code of Ordinances" for the City of Beech Grove, was introduced for First Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to read General Ordinance #4, 2012 into the record by title only. Councilor Davidson seconded the motion. The Council was polled and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. General Ordinance #4, 2012 was read into the record by title only. City Judge Andrew Wells addressed the Council on the need for the amendments and explained what the Ordinance Violation Bureau is and how it works. He further explained that the Bureau is not a court entity. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept General Ordinance #4, 2012 on First Reading. Councilor Davidson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

General Ordinance #5, 2012, - an ordinance amending Section 31.20 [Councilmanic Districts] of the "Code of Ordinances" of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, was introduced for First Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to read General Ordinance #5, 2012 into the record by title only. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion. The Council was polled and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. General Ordinance #5, 2012 was read into the record by title only. Councilor Jennings moved to accept

General Ordinance #5, 2012 on First Reading. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

General Ordinance #6, 2012, - an ordinance that requires the placement of "Stop Signs" at the 3- way intersection of Andrea Drive and Yazoo Drive, was introduced for First Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to read General Ordinance #6, 2012 into the record by title only. Councilor Davidson seconded the motion. The Council was polled and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. General Ordinance #6, 2012 was read into the record by title only. Stacy Shipley, 1702 Andrea Drive, and Leah Pitz, 1706 Yazoo Drive, both addressed the Council on the speeding problems at this intersection and recommended the stop signs be installed. Councilor Harrison also spoke in favor of the ordinance. Councilor Jennings made a motion to accept General Ordinance #6, 2012 on First Reading. Councilor Davidson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

General Ordinance #7, 2012, - an ordinance that removes Chapter 90 (Animals) Section 90.05 of the "Code of Ordinances" of the City of Beech Grove, was introduced on First Reading. Councilor Davidson read General Ordinance #7, 2012 into the record. Councilor Jennings moved to accept General Ordinance #7, 2012 on First Reading. Councilor Mobley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

General Ordinance #8, 2012, - an ordinance amending Chapter 90 (Animals) Section 90.07 of the "Code of Ordinances" for the City of Beech Grove, was introduced for First Reading. Councilor Davidson read General Ordinance #8, 2012 into the record. Councilor Jennings moved to accept General Ordinance #8, 2012 on First Reading. Councilor Mobley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS by COUNCILORS:

Councilor Jennings jokingly suggested a roundabout might work at Yazoo and Andrea.

Councilor Harrison thanked the audience for so many people showing up at the meeting. He also thanked Ralph for his service to the community and the High School swim team for their achievement.

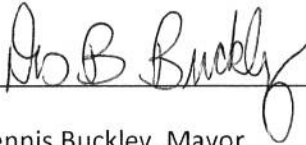
Councilor Davidson thanked everyone for not laughing too much at the chicken and fish ordinances. He thanked Ralph and the swim team, and also stated that Saint Francis will be missed.

Councilor Bell called on Linda Mohr, Beech Grove Sewage Works Manager, to speak on sewage works billing. She explained that apartments are currently being billed \$7.10 per building instead of \$7.10 per unit as required by city ordinance. Mayor Joe Wright had instructed her to make this change to bill per building instead of per unit. Linda Mohr stated that years ago, prior to last fee increase, apartments

were charged \$3.00 per unit. Amy Masterson and Susie McMillan volunteered to be on a committee to review the issue. Councilor Bell also brought up the matter of storm water sewer fees being studied by committee. The committee will be bringing a recommendation to the council.

Mayor Buckley announced he would like to reconvene the council on Monday March 19th at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Jennings made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.



Dennis Buckley, Mayor



Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer