

RDC – March 20, 2014

The Beech Grove RDC met at City Hall on Thursday, March 20, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Don Webb. Other members present included Vice President Ron Mote, Secretary Cathy Chappell and members Janis King and Tammy Storey. Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

The Ice Miller bill totals \$12,631.24. IPL and Regions Trust Corporation bill amounts to \$858.28. The board voted to pay in full the these amounts. President Donald Webb talked to Meade regarding the wireless removal and the estimate is \$11,062.30. If the RDC votes for the work to be done, Meade will start the project in June of 2014. The board voted unanimously to pay for the removal.

Donald Webb announced the NRP Group won the grant for 60 units to be built on what we refer to as the Rock Pile at a cost of \$8.8 million dollars. The borings were done on March 11 by Hull and Associates and the results should be announced soon. The \$159,000 Brownfield grant for remediation must go through the Beech Grove RDC. The estimated time frame for NRP to start on the project is the 4th quarter of 2014 or the first quarter of 2015.

By invitation from Craig Wiley, President Webb met with the law firm of Lewis & Kappes. Donald met with Robert Rund, Christopher Poling and Manny Herceg. Their fee is \$260.00 per hour. The firm is familiar with Craig Wiley, the BG city attorney, and the landfill issues and it seems like they will work out well. The RDC voted unanimously to retain the firm of Lewis & Kappes. Ice Miller Law Firm will no longer represent the BG RDC.

Per the request of Pres. Webb each member stated some ideas they have for improving the community. Ron said since we have a beautiful Main Street he talked about perhaps some type of walk/run. Cathy said her passion was still building an amphitheater in Sarah Bolton Park and flipping houses. She said she has contacted "The Friends of Garfield Park" but has no further information at this time. Janis said her passion is still creating some guidelines for Beech Grove businesses and the building facades. She passed out information regarding: signage, awnings, paint colors, lettering, size of signage, etc. that could be used to help make Main Street more attractive and cohesive. Janis also asked Mayor Buckley if there is a city inspector and he replied there will be soon on a part time basis. Janis also suggested we add some plants around the city to brighten it up and try to make the community look better. Mayor Buckley said there is a landscaping guy who will be taking care of the round about and in return, he will be able to advertise his company. Tammy's idea is to get high school kids involved in helping to clean up the city. She also said the RDC could organize volunteer groups of adults. Mayor Buckley announced that the month of May will be dedicated to cleaning up the community and he asked Tammy Storey to be in charge after May 3. Donald would like to improve the appearance of Emerson and I465 because of the number of vehicles passing by every day. He mentioned some murals that can be painted along the walls of the interstate.

Mayor Buckley passed out information regarding streets and alleys within the BG city limits that are in desperate needs of repair and in some instances, replacing. United Consulting is working on this current

project. Because United is already involved, it was suggested we contact Bill Hall to get estimates.
Secretary Cathy Chappell volunteered to contact United Consulting.

St. Francis Hospital was mentioned and Mayor Buckley reminded the RDC that he signed a confidentiality agreement however, city attorney Craig Wiley was able to share some information. Craig explained that a couple of interested buyers were presented to St. Francis but the hospital expressed no interest in talking to the potential buyers. Mayor Buckley announced that St. Francis is being assessed on the property, not the buildings. The Mayor also stated that the property formerly known as Refined Metals, is being sold and the good news for the RDC, it is in a TIF district. The Mayor announced on June 6 at 10am there will be a ceremony to celebrate the sale of property in that area and he suggested we attend if possible.

Donald Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janis Webb. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Chappell, Secretary