

## **Beech Grove City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 16th, 2012**

**Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Present were City Council Members, John Jennings, Dave Harrison, Anthony Davidson, Ed Bell, Kathy Coates, and Mary Stewart. Also present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Councilor Dave Mobley was excused to be with his family. His son Eddie will be deploying to Afghanistan tomorrow.

**All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A Recognition Plaque was to be presented to Retired Firefighter Keith Maar tonight in recognition and appreciation for his years of service to the City of Beech Grove. Keith was unable to attend, so Chief Cheshire will present the plaque to him at a later date. On behalf of the City of Beech Grove, Mayor Buckley and Councilor Jennings presented a Recognition Plaque to Beech Grove High School Music Department and Cory Wynn, Beech Grove High School Music Director, for their contribution to the Henryville Hornets who were victims of the Henryville, Indiana tornado. The Music Department sponsored a program to collect donations of water, money and nonperishables for the Henryville Community and they delivered a semi-trailer full of goods to them. It was a great joint effort on behalf of the Beech Grove High School Music Department and the community of Beech Grove that donated generously. Mayor Buckley and Councilor Jennings acknowledged and thanked everyone for their participation in the program.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** Anthony Kendall questioned what the intended use would be of the funds raised, if the city imposes a storm sewer fee. Mayor Buckley referred the question to Councilor Bell who explained it would be used for a combination of storm sewer repair, sanitary sewer repairs and street repairs as well as maintenance on all three. All of which are in need of attention. Mr. Kendall agreed, and he also expressed his concern in the lack of gravel in allies where water is left standing and collecting in puddles and paving that needs done.

**COMMUNITY LIASON REPORT:** None

**MEETING MINUTES:** Clerk Treasurer McMillan, read into the record the minutes from the April 2nd, 2012 meeting. Councilor Davidson noted three corrections that will need to be made in the minutes. Clerk Treasurer McMillan noted the corrections. Mayor Buckley stated the corrections will be made and presented at the next council meeting. Councilor Jennings moved to accept the minutes as read including the corrections. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **Special Ordinance No. 1, 2012**

*....an ordinance that calls for the transfer of remaining funds from Fund 243 (2006 Bond Issue) to Fund 301 (Fund Bond and Interest Redemption) for the purpose of reducing property taxes required to repay the debt,*

was introduced for the Second and Third Readings; Councilor Jennings moved to read Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to accept Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 as written for the Second Reading; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion to accept Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 as written, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Davidson moved to read Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 into the record by title only for the Third Reading; Councilor Bell seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 into the record by title only for the Third Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to approve Special Ordinance No.1, 2012 as written; for the third reading Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Special Ordinance No. 2, 2012**

*...an ordinance that calls for the name change from "South Grove Park" to "Don Challis Park" pursuant to the city park located in the 900 Blk. of South 9th Avenue,*

was introduced for the Second and Third Readings; Councilor Bell moved to read Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading. Councilor Bell moved to accept Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 as written for the Second Reading; Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion to accept Special Ordinance #2, 2012 as written, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Jennings moved to read Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 into the record by title only for the Third Reading; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 into the record by title only for the Third Reading. Councilor Bell moved to accept Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 as written; for the third reading, Councilor

Davidson seconded the Motion to accept Special Ordinance No.2, 2012 as written, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Lloyd Wright (a 1971 Beech Grove High School graduate) spoke on behalf of Bob Thomas (a 1969 Beech Grove High School graduate) and himself in congratulating the Challis Family on the renaming of South Grove Park to the "Don Challis Park" He also thanked Mayor Buckley, the Council, and the Parks Board on their joint effort to see this through to fruition. Mr. Wright spoke to the contributions Mr. Challis had made to not only the parks, but the schools, the youth and the athletic programs in the City of Beech Grove. Mr. Wright gave praise to Mr. Challis for the difference he made in the lives of the youth of Beech Grove, including him. Whether it be coaching sports or teaching them at school, he always provided an example of what morals, values and principles are. He also stated that the Beech Grove Alumni Association sponsors the Don Challis Golf Outing each year and the funds raised go directly to scholarships for the students of Beech Grove High School.

Alyson Challis Gurganus, Mr. Challis' oldest of six children spoke on behalf of their family. She thanked Mayor Buckley, the Council, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Marx, and the Parks Board for renaming South Grove Park to "Don Challis Park". She also said a special thank you to Bud Templin with whom the idea originated. Mrs. Gurganus spoke to what an honor it is to pay tribute to her father in this manner. South Grove Park was Mr. Challis' idea and he managed it throughout the construction progress from 1970 through 1973. That park was a "labor of love" for Mr. Challis. Mrs. Gurganus spoke to her days growing up in Beech Grove and the level of commitment her father felt for this community, especially the youth. He worked twenty nine years serving the city of Beech Grove in so many different capacities and he always loved doing it. Mrs. Gurganus remembered former Mayor Elton Geshwiler with fond memories, and she remembered when he declared May 4th, 1990 "Don Challis Day" in Beech Grove. Mrs. Gurganus gave a moving tribute to her father Don Challis.

Mayor Buckley thanked Mrs. Gurganus, Mr. Wright and the Challis family and friends for attending tonight. He expressed what a moving tribute had been given tonight in Mr. Challis's honor.

Mayor Buckley asked Mr. Richard Templin to stand, as he announced that he will be introducing an ordinance next month, to rename the baseball diamonds at Sarah T. Bolton Park, to the Dick Templin diamonds. Councilor Bell commented that Mr. Templin was another exemplary example of a fine man that served the community of Beech Grove in a variety of ways. Mayor Buckley remembered with fond memories Mr. Templin coaching him.

#### **General Ordinance No. 9, 2012**

*.....an ordinance amending General Ordinance No. 2, 1984, Chapter 77 Traffic Schedules, Schedule IV (Speed Limits) of the "Code of Ordinances" of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana pursuant to the speed limit on 17th Avenue from Main Street to the Roundabout,*

was introduced for the Second and Third Readings; Councilor Jennings moved to read General Ordinance No.9, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading; Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read General Ordinance No.9, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to accept General Ordinance No. 9, 2012 as written for the Second Reading; Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion to accept General Ordinance No.9, 2012 as written, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bell moved to read General Ordinance No.9, 2012 by title only for the Third Reading; Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read General Ordinance No.9, 2012 into the record by title only for the Third Reading. Councilor Stewart moved to approve General Ordinance No.9, 2012 as written; Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **General Ordinance No.12, 2012**

*.....an ordinance amending Chapter 77, Section IV "Speed Limits" of the "Code of Ordinances" of the City of Beech Grove Indiana pursuant to the Round-A-Bout located at 17th Avenue, Churchman Avenue and Albany Street,*

was introduced for the Second and Third Readings; Councilor Bell moved to read General Ordinance No.12, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read General Ordinance No.12, 2012 into the record by title only for the Second Reading. Councilor Jennings moved to accept General Ordinance No. 12, 2012 as written for the Second Reading; Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion to accept General Ordinance No.12, 2012 as written, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bell moved to read General Ordinance No.12, 2012 by title only for the Third Reading; Councilor Coates seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read General Ordinance No.12, 2012 into the record by title only for the Third Reading. Councilor Stewart moved to approve General Ordinance No.12, 2012 as written; Councilor Bell seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Davidson stated that upon reevaluation of the books he has learned the city can post a speed limit sign wherever applicable. He also stated that driving south after the roundabout there are no speed limit signs until you crossover into Indianapolis. Mayor Buckley stated he will speak to the Director of Public Works to make sure a sign is posted.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**COMMENTS BY COUNCILORS:**

**Councilor Jennings** – Congratulated the Challis Family. Listening to their renderings of Mr. Challis reminded him of his late father-in-law Mr. McMorrow. Councilor Jennings also addressed Mr. Kendall and stated he agreed with him regarding paving. He stated he would also like the opportunity to speak to Mr. Kendall sometime and that 13th street by Beech Grove Middle School is horrible and needs paved very soon. Councilor Jennings went on to state that this Saturday, April 21st, is clean-up day in the park. He also offered his thoughts and prayers for the Mobley family and especially for Eddie who is a Beech Grove High School graduate and WestPoint graduate. Eddie will be deploying to Afghanistan tomorrow. Councilor Jennings, finished by inviting everyone to a joint fundraiser this Saturday April 21st, in honor of Beech Grove High School teacher and coach, Matt English, and in memory of Katie Lynch. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Thompson and Madison. Tickets are available by contacting Amy Jennings at Beech Grove Schools.

**Councilor Harrison** – Thanked everyone for coming and stated he is glad to be a part of the Council as they make these ordinances. He also congratulated the Challis family.

**Councilor Davidson** – Congratulated the Challis family and thanked everyone for coming this evening. He also wanted to remind everyone of the Beech Grove Little League Parade on Saturday, April 28th. This will be the first year for his son to march in it. He is sending thoughts and prayers to the Mobley family.

**Councilor Bell**- Thanked everyone for coming and joked that Councilor Jennings reminded him tonight of Buddy. Ditto on the congratulations to the Challis family and he also is sending out his thoughts and prayers to Eddie and the Mobley family.

**Councilor Stewart**- Thanked everyone for coming. Congratulations to the Challis family and ditto on everything else the gentlemen stated.

**Councilor Coates**- Congratulations to the Challis family and ditto on everything else.

**The next City Council Meeting will be Monday, May 7th, 2012, at 7:00pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilor Stewart moved to adjourn. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

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**Dennis Buckley, Mayor**

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**Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer**