

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 3, 2004**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 8:39 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Mary Stewart, William Carpenter, Roy Edwards, Ingle Harris, Gene Humphrey, Joe Prindle and Kathy Coates were present at the meeting. Also attending were Mayor Wright, Clerk Treasurer Mary Carpenter and City Attorney Brian Bosma.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The minutes for the April 5 , 2004 Council meeting were read and approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wright read Proclamations declaring May 14 and 15 as Poppy Day and May 16 through 22 as EMS Week.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Mr. Bill Bauer of 132 South 10th Ave. asked how promotions could be made in the Police Department with no budget and if a cut in public safety had been made by not replacing the three officers that retired. He also stated that he had heard that the staff of city hall was moving and asked for an explanation. Mayor Wright responded that the three officers who retired were administrative and not replacing them did not make any fewer officers on the streets and the salaries of the retired officers covered the promotions, so there was no change in the budget. Mayor Wright said that no decision had been made about moving from City Hall but there was need for expanding the Sanitation Dept. office space and present unused space behind the Police Department.

Mary Stewart asked for the monetary impact to the City for the promotions in the Beech Grove Police Department. Chief Millott responded that for the year of 2004 it would be \$7160.00 which is still \$100,000.00 lower than the previous administration had budgeted for this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Attorney Brian Bosma presented Resolution #4, 2004, providing appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ingle Harris made a motion to accept Resolution #4 and Mary Stewart seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mr. Ingle Harris swore in the new members of the Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Mark Sutterfield, Mr. Scott Lynch and Ms. Julie Weaver.

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Mr. Dave Miller spoke to the Council about his interest in having a volunteer Greenscape Commission and explained what the purpose of the Commission would be.

City Attorney Brian Bosma presented Resolution #5, 2004, providing for the establishment of a Greenscape Commission. Joe Prindle made a motion to accept Resolution #5 and Bill Carpenter seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mr. Ingle Harris swore in Mr. Terry Dilk as a member of the Economic Development Commission.

Councilman Humphrey asked about the status of the Firefighter's Contract and spoke concerning a Wishard Hospital Ambulance being stationed in Beech Grove to take on additional EMT needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Donald Joe Wright, Mayor

Mary A. Carpenter, Clerk-Treasurer