

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 5, 2008**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, Bill Cincebox, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart, and Bud Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were, Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Kincaid and Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Minutes from the April 7, 2008 City Council Meeting were read. Mike Pence asked that one item from "comments from council" be corrected. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Wright proclaimed May 5-11, 2008 to be Poppy Days in Beech Grove. Carolyn Simpson representing the American Legion Auxiliary accepted this proclamation and said a few words on the importance of this recognition.

Mayor Wright honored several local Girl Scouts as they received their Silver Award. Grace Jacobsen of the Girl Scouts explained that the Silver Award is for community service and that these girls chose to serve by holding a benefit for homelessness and hunger. Mayor Wright presented their Silver Award to them.

Mayor Wright asked Police Chief Witmer to introduce one of the newest officers to join the Beech Grove Police Department. Mayor Wright then swore in Nathan Rinks.

Chief Witmer presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Police Officer of the Year to Joel Comstock.

REPORTS: David Miller gave a report for the Greenscape Committee and introduced the current members. Chief Witmer gave a report for the Public Safety Committee. Rene Masterson gave a report for the Youth Council. Terry Dilk gave a report on the RDC. Tim Showalter gave a report for the Cable Authority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ross Barton called for a motion to approve Special Ordinance No. 3, 2008 an Ordinance Providing for an Amendment to Beech Grove Ordinance Section 34.15 for the Establishment of Rates for Emergency Ambulance Service on 2nd and 3rd readings. John Jennings motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 2, 2008 on 2nd and 3rd readings. Ed Bell seconded the motion Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced and read into record by title only Special Ordinance No. 3, 2008, an Ordinance Providing for an Amendment to Beech Grove Ordinance Section 34.15 for the Establishment of Rates for Emergency Ambulance Service. Special Ordinance No. 3, 2008 was approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS: Ross Barton motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 4, 2008, an Ordinance Providing for Amendment to the Violations Bureau. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced and read into record Special Ordinance No. 4, 2008, an Ordinance Providing for Amendment to the Violations Bureau. The

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motion passed on 1st reading by voice vote. Ross Barton motioned to hold a special meeting for the 2nd and 3rd readings of Special Ordinance No. 4, 2008 on May 7, 2008 at 7pm. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. Bud Templin, Ed Bell, and Mary Stewart all expressed concern that such a meeting should take place at a later date to allow for more information to be collected and given to the citizens they represent. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved.

Mike Pence motioned to adopt Resolution 6, 2008 a Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the City of Beech Grove Greenscape Commission. John Jennings seconded the motion. Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced and read into record Resolution No. 6, 2008, a Resolution Providing for an Appointment to the City of Beech Grove Greenscape Commission. Ed Bell expressed concern over the entire council not being notified of items in a timely manner. Bud Templin echoed what Mr. Bell stated; acknowledging that he fully agreed with the person selected, but in the future would also like to offer suggestions for consideration. The motion was approved by voice vote.

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin congratulated Tim Latimer for his new appointment to the Greenscape Committee. He also thanked Mayor Wright for participating in the Little League parade and kick off ceremony. He highlighted the recent events with jobs moving from Amtrak, some of which affect people living in Beech Grove. He asked citizens and local government to voice their concerns to legislators. He also noted the recent visits by several candidates.

Councilman Bell announced that there will be another Town Hall meeting for all citizens on May 13 at 7pm in the Community Center. He also encouraged citizens to participate in the new recycling program starting on Wednesday in an effort to move toward having a "greener" city.


Councilwoman Stewart shared the enthusiasm of the recent political visits and seconded what both Bud and Ed said.

Councilman Pence congratulated those Grovers who ran in the mini-marathon last weekend, noting that one of the top women runners was from Beech Grove. He also thanked all who participated in the city-wide clean up.

Councilman Barton congratulated the Spotlight Players on their recent debut. He also thanked Firefighters Boone and Bulter for their time in recent conversations on implementing a merit system.

Councilman Jennings wished Judge Hunter and his family a quick recovery.

John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer