

## **RDC – June 16, 2014**

The RDC meeting was held at Beech Grove City Hall on June 16, 2014 and called to order at 7:02pm. Those present included Don Webb, Pres., Ron Mote Vice-Pres., Cathy Chappell, Secretary, and members Jannis King, Tammy Storey and Mac Bellner. Mac is our newest member. Minutes were accepted.

Old business included paying bills. The first totaled \$20,760.19 and included Tim Showalter, Hull & Associates and Faegre Baker Daniels Law Firm. Jannis King asked city attorney Craig Wiley about the portion owed to Faegre Baker Daniels in the amount of \$17,852.25. He explained the bill was a result of the lawsuit filed against St. Francis Hospital. Craig stated he expected the lawsuit to be settled sooner, rather than later. He also stated whether the case was settled prior to going to trial, or as a result of a trial, the BG RDC would be reimbursed for their portion of expenses, assuming we won the case. Donald Webb asked Craig why was the RDC expected to pay for legal bills regarding St. Francis Hospital since it was a sewer issue, and not a redevelopment issue. Craig again explained St. Francis is in a TIF district and not only would be getting settlement money, but tax money. A motion was made by Don Webb to pay the fees and seconded by Ron Mote. All were in favor.

Another bill totaling \$14,060.88 for Lewis & Kappes, IPL and Faegre Baker Daniels also needed to be paid. Don Webb again made a motion to pay this amount and Ron Mote seconded. All members were in favor.

Another bill for \$11,525.23 was presented and owed to IPL, Lewis & Kappes and Faegre Baker Daniels. Don made a motion to pay this amount and it was seconded by Ron Mote. All were in favor.

Don stated that NPR filed for another extension and it was granted by the Brownfields. It runs through October.

Regarding Wi Fi, IPL requires a purchase order. Dan McMillan does not create PO's so Don will make a trip to City Hall and create what is necessary. This is in regards to removing the equipment.

President Don Webb stated the city council agreed to pay half of the bill for Frank Nierzwicki. Frank is involved with IU, School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He will be doing research and a study of the Beech Grove Community and what he would suggest the RDC set for goals. His bill is \$5000.00 plus up to \$300.00 for travel expenses. Sec. Cathy Chappell said she had attempted to contact Jeff Kingsbury, owner of Greenstreet LTD. He was recommended by the University of Indianapolis. It was suggested perhaps Mr. Kingsbury could help us utilize information from Mr. Nierzwicki after his study is completed.

Cathy also said Greenstreet LTD has a grant writer on staff which is of interest to the RDC.

Jannis suggested we have a work session to help the RDC and city council better understand what to do with the information once gathered. Frank suggested we have a public meeting on our goals, and what the public would be interested in seeing happen in our community. Frank also suggested we become members of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. The study Frank will be doing does not include the creation of a comprehension plan for the city, but rather gathers information to use to create a plan.

Dan McMillan, city clerk agreed to also pay a portion of the bill for Frank Nierzwicki. Don Webb made a motion to hire Frank in the amount of \$1767.00 payable by the BG RDC. The motion was seconded by Cathy Chappell. All were in favor.

President Donald Webb said there was a resolution we needed to discuss. It pertains to excessive TIF funds. The information goes to the auditor. President Donald Webb read the entire resolution and made a motion to accept as read. The motion was seconded and voted upon unanimously.

Don asked if someone could attend the meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Cathy said she is usually off work on Wednesdays and the next meeting is scheduled for July 16.

Jannis suggested that we have a written agenda several days in advance of our meeting so we know the topics we will be discussing at the upcoming RDC meeting.

Jannis also mentioned how the signage on Main Street businesses needs to be in looked into. Eckstine Shoes has agreed to be the first to allow the RDC to improve their signage. The cost would be around \$700.00. This would include the sign and two window displays, but not a new awning.

Don Webb is interested in the RDC replacing or repairing the electronic sign at the football field at 13<sup>th</sup> and Main. Dr. Kaiser said there are many regulations that have to be addressed. Even though the school system has the money, they would gladly accept a donation from the BG RDC.

Tammy said they have also gotten designs and they are making some creative decisions that meet the required guidelines. She also mentioned the school would like to have an additional sign at the entrance to the high school on Hornet Avenue.

President Webb said the RDC has around a half million dollars and if St. Francis is required to pay taxes, we will have even more funds.

Robert Rund, the RDC attorney, has been asked to create a list of reports the RDC is required to file regularly. This would allow us to know well in advance what information needs to be forwarded to Mr. Rund.

Don asked if we can move the next meeting to either July 15 or 16<sup>th</sup> because he will be in French Lick. The members agreed to moving the date would be no problem.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Chappell, Secretary