

**BEECH GROVE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
July 21, 2008**

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

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, John Jennings, and Bill Cincebox were present at the meeting. Board of Works member Bob White was present. Also attending were, Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Kincaid and City Attorney Brian Bosma.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Minutes from the July 7, 2008 Common Council Meeting and department reports were suspended until the next regular meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Brian Bosma presented information on the establishment of a Fire Department Merit System to all present. Tom Hanofy, Joe Olafson, Joe Grant, and Gary Coons all provided supplemental information. Brian Bosma outlined the next steps in the process.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Three attendees signed up to speak. Frank Mascari asked a question about the political make-up of the advisory board in the merit system. Lowell Shroyer read a letter on behalf of Bud Templin. Dan McMillan spoke in favor of the merit system. Ted Richie also spoke in favor of the merit system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Councilman Bell expressed his full support of the merit system, particularly as it takes the politics out of the process. He also thanked the Fire Department for all they do.

Councilman Barton thanked the Fire Department and those who spoke this evening. He also thanked all who helped him learn more about the process and merit system.

Councilman Cincebox stated that his only concern is the cost a merit system might put on the city, especially with possible budget cuts coming. He thanked the Fire Department for all they do and appreciates their hard work.

Bob White motioned to adjourn the Board of Works and Safety meeting. Mayor Wright seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. John Jennings motioned to adjourn the Common Council meeting. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer