

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
August 2, 2004**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:59 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** City Council members Mary Stewart, William Carpenter, Roy Edwards, Ingle Harris, Joe Prindle and Kathy Coates were present at the meeting. Gene Humphrey was absent. 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 July 6, 2004 Council meeting were read and approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Wright presented the Beech Grove Police Department with a Proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 3 as National Night Out.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** Mayor Wright announced that due to changes made in General Ordinance 4, there would be another Public Hearing on August 17, 2004. Due to the changes being made he requested that citizens refrain from comments on this Ordinance. Mr. Harris made a motion to grant 30 minutes of testimony allowing each person 3 minutes. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion and all voted aye.

12 Citizens spoke against Ordinance 4 saying that a flat rate was unfair to those citizens who used only the minimum amount of water.

**REPORTS:** Joey Fox gave a report from the Mayor's Youth Council and Pancho Alvarez gave the Cable Authority Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Wright read a prepared statement to the Council concerning the dangerously low financial situation of the City. He then presented the Council with an amended Ordinance designated as Ordinance 4A, doing away with the flat rate that had been proposed in Ordinance 4, replacing it with a metered usage charge. Kathy Coates made a motion to accept the amended Ordinance on second reading and Joe Prindle seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mayor Wright announced a public hearing on Ordinance 4A to be held on August 17, 2004 at the Community Center, asking the Council to vote on third reading following the hearing.

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Mr. Kirk Grable of the law firm Barnes and Thornburg spoke about the previously unnumbered Ordinance now numbered #3. At the previous public meetings he had been unaware of a State Revolving Loan Fund which would allow the City of Beech Grove to qualify for a lower interest rate. The 2.8 million Bond had previously thought to be at an interest rate of 5.5 or 5.6%. With the State Revolving Fund, 1.8 million of the Bond would qualify for 4.13%, a rate that was set on July 1 and will be reset on October 1. The Executive Director has agreed to close on the 1.8 million portion of the Bond on September 30 if it appeared the rate was going up, or on October 1 if the interest rate was going to do down. The State Bond Bank will give a lower than 5.5 interest rate for the remaining 1 million. Mr. Carpenter made a motion that the changes to General Ordinance #3 be made and Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Harris, Ms. Coates and Mr. Prindle voted yes. Ms. Stewart voted no. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The same Conflict of Interest Statement for Ingle Harris that was presented to the Board of Works was presented to the Council. This was for the purpose of bidding on the City's insurance. Mr. Humphrey made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Statement and Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. Mr. Harris stated that he would be abstaining from the vote. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Humphrey, Ms. Coates and Mr. Prindle voted yes. Ms. Stewart voted no. The motion carried.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:** Joe Prindle, Council at Large, congratulated the Beech Grove Fire Department on the scholarships that they had given and the \$260,000.00 Grant that they received. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Beech Grove Police Department's "Night Out". Kathy Coates, Council at Large, thanked the public for their thoughts and opinions and encouraged them to come to the public hearing on August 17. Bill Carpenter, District 2, stated that although it had been a long hard process the Council listened to the people and did what they thought was best for the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 P.M.

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Donald Joe Wright, Mayor

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Mary A. Carpenter, Clerk-Treasurer