

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 6, 2008**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 September 2, 2008 City Council Meeting were read. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes as read. Mike Pence seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Wright read and presented a proclamation of Pregnancy and Infancy Loss Awareness Month. Cindy Kirchhoffer accepted the proclamation on behalf of St. Francis Hospital.

Mayor Wright presented the Eagle Scout Award to Charles Brown and commended him on reaching such a high honor.

Mayor Wright, along with Chief Buckley, Chief Witmer, Sam Merl, and Jeff Peters, presented information on the 2009 proposed budget.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None

REPORTS: Dave Miller gave a report for the Greenscape Committee. Tim Showalter gave a report for the Cable Authority. Cindy Kirchhoffer gave a report for the Redevelopment Commission. Chief Witmer gave a report for the Public Safety Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger asked for a motion from council to open the Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget. John Jennings motioned to open the public hearing and allow each speaker a 3-minute time limit to speak. Bud Templin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Dennis Buckley spoke in support of the approval of the 2009 budget. John Jennings motioned to close the Public Hearing for the 2009 Budget. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced Special Ordinance No. 9, 2008, the 2009 Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officials and Employees and asked for the council

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to be polled in order to allow the budget to be read in by title only. Unanimous council consent was provided and Special Ordinance No. 9, 2008 was read in by title only. John Jennings motioned to approve Special Ordinance 9, 2008 on first reading by title only. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote on first reading.

Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008, the 2009 Budget and asked for the council to be polled in order to allow the budget to be read in by title only. Unanimous council consent was provided and Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008 was read in by title only. John Jennings motioned to approve Special Ordinance 10, 2008 on first reading by title only. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin commended the local government and city on making 2008 flow smoothly given that no tax money has been distributed.

Councilman Bell expressed his gratitude to the Beech Grove Fire and Police Department for their assistance and help while he served on the budget sub-committee.


Councilwoman Stewart thanked all department heads for their help on the budget. She also asked how the City Court was progressing and how the Judge was feeling. Mayor Wright gave a brief update on court and that Judge Hunter is doing well and ready for more court cases.

Councilman Pence seconded the thank you to all department heads, and appreciated their being open to questions throughout the budget process..

Councilman Barton congratulated the Beech Grove United Methodist Church on their 100-year anniversary.

Mayor Wright announced that a meeting will be held in October providing more information on St. Francis. He stressed the importance that all council members attend. The meeting will be open to the public as well.

Mike Pence motioned to adjourn. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer