

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BEECH GROVE COMMON COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Members of the Beech Grove Common Council shall convene on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Hornet Park Community Center located at 5245 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove, Indiana for the following purposes:

1. Introduction and First Reading of a Special Ordinance Providing for Salary Ordinance for a Appointed Officers and Employees; and
2. Such other matters that may come before the Council.

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John Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, Bill Cincebox, John Jennings, Mike Pence, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: One citizen signed in to speak. Bud Templin motioned to limit the citizen to 5 minutes to speak. John Jennings seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Lowell Shroyer spoke on the Salary Ordinance.

REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Tricia Leminger introduced Special Ordinance No. 9, 2009, a Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officers and Employees, and reminded council members of the ability to read in the ordinance by title only due to the amount of pages. Unanimous consent was given by the council to read in the ordinance by title only. Mike Pence motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 9, 2009 on first reading by title only. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion, Bud Templin asked if this salary ordinance considered raises for police and fire per contracts, which John Jennings answered yes to. The ordinance was approved on first reading by title only.

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin responded to Mr. Shroyer's comments earlier and said that while he can't answer his questions right now that are related to the salary ordinance, he is confident these will be addressed in the upcoming budget meeting.

Councilman Jennings stated that he does not want dispatch to go away, but sees this as a fundamental money issue. The state answered residents' demands that taxes be lowered and the city must deal with this; dispatch is a viable option given this fact.

Councilman Cincebox stated that he was at 2 of the 3 funerals Mr. Shroyer mentioned. While those were very unfortunate events, he does not feel that these events are appropriate to the dispatch discussion.

All of his constituents continue to ask for tax cuts and he wants to ensure that they are heard and taxes are not raised.

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Councilman Barton stated that the city is looking at a \$1 million shortfall and it is the city's job to operate without raising taxes or increasing the tax burden.

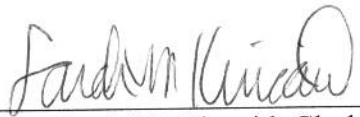
Councilman Templin responded to comments that we say we can't afford dispatch, but that the council just voted on a salary ordinance and budget that do afford it. He is not sure how we cannot afford this service given these events.

Councilman Jennings stated that he disagreed with Bud, but he would leave it at that.

Bud Templin motioned to adjourn. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer