

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 3, 2008**

Ross Barton called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 October 6, 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. Minutes from the October 20, 2008 City Council Meeting were read. Ed Bell motioned to accept the minutes as read. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Minutes from the October 29, 2008 City Council Meeting were read. Mary Stewart motioned to accept the minutes as read. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Ross Barton congratulated the Beech Grove Fire Department in receiving the Life Safety Achievement Award. Dennis Buckley and Jim Pierce accepted the award on behalf of the Fire Department.

Rich Witmer presented Certificates of Appreciation to Kim Brinkley and Debbie Springer for their involvement and leadership in the neighborhood watch program.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** Two citizens signed up to speak on items not on the agenda. Bud Templin motioned to allow each person 5 minutes to speak. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Ross Barton motioned to allow comments from citizens that were not on the agenda. Mary Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Stephanie Hubbard and Dan McMillan spoke.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ross Barton asked for a motion to move the location of the City Council meetings to the Community Center. John Jennings motioned move the meetings. Mike Pence seconded the motion. During discussion, Bud Templin asked why the council needed to move so soon to the Community Center. Ross Barton called Bob White to speak to the condition of the heating units in the City Hall Council Chambers. Bud Templin stated he would like to see a timeline addressing when the meetings could

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consider being moved back to City Hall. Bud motioned to amend the previous motion by revisiting the move back to City Hall for council meetings in April of 2009. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced Resolution No. 13, 2008, A Resolution Providing for Brett A. Saks to be the Common Council's Appointment to the EDC. John Jennings motioned to approve Resolution 13, 2008. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. Bud Templin motioned to amend the resolution to appoint Frank Mascari to the EDC. Ed Bell seconded the motion. In discussion of the amendment Bud Templin, Ed Bell, Ross Barton, and Mary Stewart provided comment. The motion to amend failed. Bud Templin motioned to amend the resolution to appoint Joe Griffin to the EDC. Mary Stewart seconded the motion to amend. The motion failed. In discussion for the first motion to approve the Resolution John Jennings and Bud Templin provided comment. The resolution was approved by voice vote.

Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced to the Common Council the need to consider whether or not the council will hear a rezoning petition for 3320 S. Emerson Avenue, stating that the council can act as the hearing examiner. Bill Cincebox motioned to allow the council to hear the rezoning case on December 1, 2008. John Jennings seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced Resolution No. 14, 2008, A Resolution to Temporarily Change the City Court Location to 5330 Hornet Avenue. John Jennings motioned to approve Resolution 14, 2008. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. Bud Templin motioned to amend the resolution to the proper address of 5245 Hornet Avenue. John Jennings seconded the motion, which passed as amended.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Councilman Templin congratulated the Marching Hornets on taking Semi-State. He also thanked all involved in the recent workshop on St. Francis and its redevelopment, saying it was a good starting point. Regarding the Kernan-Sheppard Report, he is in favor of controlling services but not in favor of any consolidation as the report discusses. He congratulated Kim Brinkley and Debbie Springer for their awards. He thanked Tim Showalter for moving all equipment over to the Community Center for meetings to continue to be taped.

Councilman Bell congratulated the Beech Grove Fire on their award. He also is hoping to restart Town Hall meetings soon. He encourages all residents to go vote.

Councilwoman Stewart stated she was sorry she couldn't attend the St. Francis meeting and thanked the city's excellent public safety.

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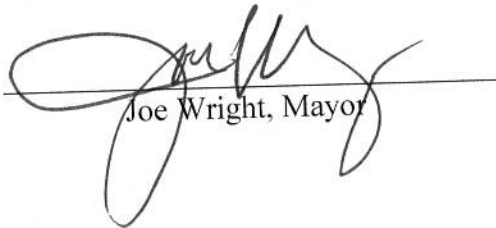
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Councilman Barton thanked Mary for her comments and is happy to get answers to any questions constituents might have. He thanked the Public Works Department for doing an outstanding job.

Councilman Jennings congratulated Mr. Saks. He thanked Mr. McMillan for his questions and thanked Chief Witmer for the recent tour he gave him of the Police Station.

Councilman Cincebox thanked the Beech Grove Dispatchers for the great job they do.

John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Mary Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer