

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 2, 2009**

John Jennings 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.

MEETING MINUTES: Bill Cincebox motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 5, 2009 as read. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion Ed Bell stated he would not be voting to approve this set of minutes as he had not received the minutes. The motion was approved by majority voice vote. Bill Cincebox motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2009 as read. Mike Pence seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Mike Pence motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 28, 2009 as read. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. In discussion, Ed Bell asked that the month of November be struck from the minutes with regard to his comment on a Town Hall meeting. This meeting is to occur in the future but he did mention a month or date. The motion was approved with amendments by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None.

REPORTS: The Youth Council had no report. Tim Latimer gave a report for the Greenscape Committee. Tim Showalter gave a report for the Cable Authority. Chief Witmer gave a report for the Public Safety Committee. John Jennings read a report on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: John Jennings introduced the Consideration of Rezoning Petition for the Property Located at 218 & 222 S 4th Avenue. Tricia Leminger read in the rules of procedure and John Jennings swore in those giving testimony.

David Kingen representing the petitioner asked the council to consider issuing a waiver taking the required notice time of 23 days to a reduced amount of time (Mr. Kingen stated the actual time was about 17 days). Tricia Leminger suggested that the council get a recommendation from Staff on this request. Larry Williams, representing DMD Staff, stated that staff held no objection to this request. Mike Pence motioned to waive the 23 day notice period to a reduced time of 17 days. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Kingen presented to the council the details of the rezoning petition for 218 & 222 South 4th Avenue. The property is currently zoned D-5 and seeks a rezoning classification of SU-2. Mr. Kingen feels this is an appropriate use for the property and neighborhood. Michelle France of

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the Montessori School that occupies the property spoke and provided testimony and information to the council. John Jennings asked Ms. France what grades the school offers, to which she answered up to 3rd grade. Mary Stewart stated that she has heard only praise and compliments to the school and the service they provide to the community. Ed Bell echoed Mary's statement and stated that he has also had person experience with their excellence within his family.

Larry Williams of DMD summarized the staff report to the council and stated that staff does support this rezoning petition. The petition provides flexibility to the school. Staff does have several concerns due to the mid-block location, and feels this concern would be alleviated with the school providing staff a Plan of Operation and site plan. Upon these documents being submitted, staff does recommend approval.

Mike Pence asked Mr. Williams for clarification that with these 2 documents DMD would then recommend approval for this petition. Mr. Williams responded yes. Mr. Pence asked Mr. Williams when they would need to have these documents submitted by. Mr. Williams stated they would ideally be turned in a few days prior to the November 17th hearing. Ed Bell stated that he had heard from several people mention of increased traffic in the alley behind the school. Mr. Williams stated that the site plan would assist with this concern. Michelle France stated that recently the school worked with the Police Department and had them monitor traffic in the alley. The Police Department reported no issues with traffic. Ms. France did state that with possible expansion in the future to more grades and services a turnaround or parking lot for parents dropping off children would be considered to alleviate any traffic concerns at that time. Mr. Kingen stated that the petitioner had no problem with the 2 requested documents.

John Jennings asked the council for a recommendation. Ms. Leminger clarified that the recommendation should be to the Department of Metropolitan Development to approve or deny the petition subject and condition to the site plan and plan of operation being filed.

John Jennings motioned to recommend approval of the rezoning petition for 218 & 222 South 4th Avenue subject and condition to submittal of a site plan and plan of operation to DMD. Mary Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin clarified several points: that the 2010 budget does contain dispatch, and that the plan is not for consolidation but rather outsourcing. While no plan has been set in stone, the plan does call for outsourcing. He stated that as an independent city Beech Grove has a responsibility to take care of itself. He feels that Mr. Barnes did not storm into Beech Grove to limit city control, but rather that he wants to take control back from the state and give it to the city. He thanked people for coming out to all meetings and feels it is great to see

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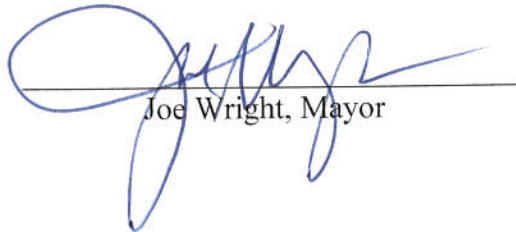
people speaking up both for and against topics surrounding the budget. He told people not to give up and if people believe in keeping dispatch to keep fighting for what they believe. He knows that Beech Grove residents have pride in their city and has heard it said that residents here are spoiled. He feels that if we are spoiled it is only because our services are excellent and that those services should continue. Beech Grove has been named for excellence in services such as snow removal in the past and knows this can continue. He stated that this budget is not just about money, it is about service. The city should do all it can to continue this level of service we expect. He thanked John Jennings for doing a great job of running meetings. He congratulated the Beech Grove High School band on finishing 5th at State.

Councilman Bell encouraged all to go vote tomorrow and stressed the importance this vote holds for the children in Beech Grove.

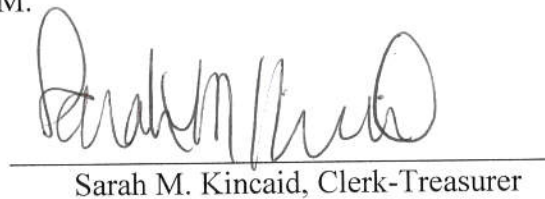
Councilman Pence also congratulated the band on their finish at state and praised them for accomplishing something that has not been done in 19 years. He stated that he does not want to give up our dispatch services and wants to explore all alternatives. He knows this will be a tough decision.

Councilmen Jennings stated that last weeks meeting was a whirlwind, but wants to thank all that were involved and spoke. While he knows that we will all not agree, it is just good politics to discuss issues openly. He also congratulated the Beech Grove football team on winning their first sectional game and doing a great job.

Bill Cincebox motioned to adjourn. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer