

## RDC November 2014 Minutes

The BG RDC met on November 24, 2014 at City Hall. Members present included President Donald Webb, Vice President, Ron Mote, Secretary, Cathy Chappell and Jannis King.

Pres. Webb listed a number of bills for the RDC to pay. A motion was made to pay all outstanding bills.

Two additional bills were added to the list and will be on the docket for the next meeting.

Pres. Webb made a resolution regarding the WI-FI. Five Star Technology Solutions made the RDC an offer of \$1000.00 and the RDC will get 15% of whatever they sell the merchandise for.

President Webb also mentioned that NRP had a ground breaking ceremony and they might even have the cottages up by spring.

Mayor Buckley presented a plan regarding the RDC working along with the city for the sidewalk program on Churchman Avenue. He has suggested the RDC match the funds in a 4 year program. It would be roughly \$800,000.00. The construction would start in 2018. It is a 1.3 million dollar project.

Mayor Buckley said the Metropolitan Development Board was going to give a presentation at the next city council meeting regarding how Marion County was going to be rezoned. He said it would of course affect Beech Grove. He stated they would be willing to work with the RDC directly. Pres. Webb talked about the needs for sidewalks on all of Emerson Avenue and said it was an issue he would like to address. His fear is that someone walking in dirt would eventually fall and get hit by a vehicle.

The mayor said in the spring the city was going to apply for federal funding to turn the area of Arlington and Churchman into a roundabout to deal with the semi traffic.

Mayor Buckley said the RDC may want to consider having Crossroads Engineering talk to the group about the Greenway Path. They originally drew up the plans a few years ago and Mayor Buckley said he would use them a second time, rather than spend the money to research other companies.

The company who is purchasing the St. Francis Hospital has suggested that after their tax abatement is up, they would like the RDC to commit to putting back into the property, 75% of the tax money received by the RDC. Jannis King said how disappointed she was regarding the plans for the St. Francis property. She said so many of the ideas the RDC suggested, have not been addressed and it seems like it is being geared toward senior citizens. The mayor said at this point, he believes they are concentrating on financing.

Jannis wanted to talk a little more regarding signage. Businesses are not allowed to have banners up more than 60 days and if they do, it is fineable. The mayor suggested an email be sent to the compliance person about the issue.

Donald Webb said he read some of the preliminary report produced by Frank Nierzwicki. Jannis referred to the report as a "market research report." Secretary Cathy Chappell said Jeff Kingsbury, from Greenstreet, LTD. would like to see Frank's report before making suggestions regarding a new RDC Comprehensive Plan. Pres. Webb felt like much of what he has read about Frank's report can be researched on the computer. It wasn't information that couldn't be found elsewhere. Donald was going to email him regarding when the final report would be completed and to also ask about having it on a PDF file.

The RDC may or may not meet in December.

The meeting was adjourned.