

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 1, 2008**

Mayor Wright 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, Mary Stewart (left early due to an emergency), 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 November 3, 2008 meeting were read. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes as read. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Minutes from the November 13, 2008 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 November 17, 2008 meeting were read. Ross Barton motioned to accept the minutes as read. John Jennings seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Minutes from the November 19, 2008 meeting were read. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes as read. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Wright swore in firefighter Danial Miller. Fire Chief Dennis Buckley informed the council Ryan Freeman was not able to be at the meeting this evening but was also recently sworn in as a firefighter.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:** One citizen signed in to speak but was deferred to the public hearing taking place this evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** In order to allow some audience members to return to shift, Unfinished business item Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008 was introduced by Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger on second reading by title only. Bud Templin motioned to approve Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008 on second reading by title only. Ed Bell seconded the motion. Ms. Leminger discussed needed amendments with the council. Bud Templin motioned to amend Sp. Ordinance No. 10, 2008 on second reading. John Jennings seconded the motion. Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008 stood on the floor as amended. The motion passed on second reading.

Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008 was introduced by Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger on third reading by title only. Bud Templin motioned to approve Special Ordinance No. 10, 2008 on third and final reading by title only. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which passed on third and final reading.

Mayor Wright introduced both remaining items of unfinished business; Hearing and Consideration of Rezoning Petition for the Property Located at 1600 Albany and 209

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and 218 N 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (the St. Francis Property) and Hearing and Consideration of Rezoning Petition for the Property Located at 3320 S Emerson Avenue (the Moose Lodge property). Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger read in the rules of procedure and Mayor Wright swore in those giving testimony.

The Rezoning Petition 2008-ZON-107 for the St. Francis property was called. David Kingen representing the City of Beech Grove provided support for approval of the rezoning petition. Carol Whitmore (address unknown) asked questions regarding the "live entertainment" use and financial security the project will be completed. Mayor Wright addressed Ms. Whitmore on the financial question and Mr. Kingen stated that the "live entertainment" use was removed from the petition via amendments. Linda Ahlbrand of Indianapolis DMD provided the Staff Report and recommended approval. Mayor Wright read in a letter of support from Susie Day that was received by mail. John Jennings motioned to approve Petition 2008-ZON-107 subject to a statement of commitments being filed. Mike Pence seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

The Rezoning Petition 2008-ZON-099 for 3320 S Emerson Avenue was called. David Kingen representing the City of Beech Grove provided support for approval of the rezoning petition. Linda Ahlbrand of Indianapolis DMD provided the Staff Report and recommended approval. John Jennings motioned to approve Petition 2008-ZON-099. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger introduced and read in on first reading Special Ordinance No. 12, 2008, the 2009 Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials. Ross Barton motioned to approve Special Ordinance 12, 2008 on first reading. Mike Pence seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote on first reading.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Councilman Templin hoped that the Democratic Caucus would be allowed to select the Democratic appointment for the Merit Board passed this evening.

Councilman Pence thanked the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church for providing meals to election workers on Election Day. He also commended the High School on their upcoming Job Fair and the Choir on their recent achievements and talent. He also thanked Dan McMillan for serving on the Alcohol Board and keeping everyone informed.

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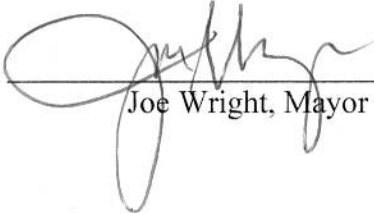
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Councilman Barton thanked the Public Works department for their efficient leaf pick-up around the city.

Councilman Jennings congratulated Danial Miller on getting sworn in and seconded Ross' thanks to the Public Works Department for leaf pick-up and great overall service.


Mayor Wright announced while we have enough salt for upcoming inclement weather we are currently in the process of receiving bids on salt spreaders.

John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Mike Pence seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.



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Joe Wright, Mayor



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Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer