

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 14, 2009**

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, and Bud Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were Clerk Treasurer Sarah Kincaid and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston. Not attending were Mike Pence, Mary Stewart, and Mayor Wright.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** John Jennings introduced and City Attorney Jeff Logston read in Special Ordinance No. 10, 2009, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials for the City on second reading. Bud Templin motioned to approve Special Ordinance No. 10, 2009 on second reading. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote on second reading. The ordinance was read in on third and final reading. Ed Bell motioned to approve Special Ordinance No. 10, 2009 on third reading. Ross Barton seconded the motion, which was adopted by voice vote on third and final reading.

John Jennings opened the Public Hearing relating to Special Ordinance No. 11, 2009. Three citizens were signed in to speak. John Jennings motioned to allow each speaker 3 minutes to speak. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion. In discussion, Bud Templin stated he felt speakers should have more time, and motioned to amend the motion to allow each speaker 5 minutes to speak. Ross Barton seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Joe Griffin, Dan McMillan, and Terry Dilk spoke on additional appropriations. Upon the completion of speakers John Jennings closed the public hearing.

John Jennings introduced and Jeff Logston read in Special Ordinance No. 11, 2009, An Ordinance Relating to the Additional Appropriations on second reading and clarified the adoption process. Bill Cincebox motioned to approve Special Ordinance No. 11, 2009 on second reading as amended. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion, Ed Bell stated that he was not at the last meeting but with the situation of money being tight and money issues regarding dispatch, that this is the time for our city to draw in our purse strings until the legislature's direction is clear. He hopes the council can consider putting some of this aside. Bud Templin stated that he feels the amounts are high and he still isn't comfortable with the ordinance overall. He feels the money in Category 8 is high and inappropriate. Additionally the council can only dictate the category but not where the Mayor actually decides to spend the money. Given the short falls in property taxes he feels this is best to be put aside into the Rainy Day fund. He also asked for clarification on what the amount in the Parks Department was for. Ultimately if the money is there and put aside the city can come back to it, which he feels is best. Bill Cincebox responded to Bud that voting against this ordinance meant voting against important projects such as Elmwood, the park bridge, Hartman Park drainage, etc. He wants to be sure the city uses the stimulus money it was awarded and needs. Ross Barton stated that he wants to be sure the memories of the past don't affect the councils' decisions now. He is researching roundabouts

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and sees many factors to consider. He stated that given the city has grant money for every dollar we spend, it is a bad idea to not pass this; he supports the changes to the amendment. Given concerns about the roundabout, Bill Cincebox asked if the council could consider tabling the issue for more research into them and a more sound decision process. Bud Templin replied that this ordinance does not specify specifics on spending, only which categories it is to come from. A vote on the amended ordinance was taken on second reading with a result of 3 against, 2 in favor. In a vote on the original motion, 3 in favor and 2 against, Mr. Logston clarified that 4 votes in favor were needed to pass the ordinance on second reading. The motion failed on second reading.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None.


**COMMENTS:** Councilman Templin stated that he understands the funding for some of the projects Mr. Cincebox mentioned earlier such as Elmwood and the park bridge, and clarified that he is supportive of these projects. He however has concerns with the overall structure of the ordinance as it only speaks to the category, not the line item.

Councilman Barton apologized for not yet distributing a park survey to his district in order to get feedback on Sarah T. Bolton park. He will be doing so very soon.

Councilman Cincebox stated that the city's portion of costs are design, and if the appropriation is not executed the city will not be able to pay these fees and lose our stimulus money.


Councilmen Jennings clarified that the grant and stimulus dollars only pay for shovel ready projects. He is concerned that because this ordinance was not worded the everyone feels it should have been that this has now become a match of wills and we may not get our money.

Bud Templin motioned to adjourn. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



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Joe Wright, Mayor



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Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer