

A Report to the Citizens

On My First 30 Days as Mayor of Beech Grove



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A Note from Mayor Dilk

Dear Citizens,

On January 25, I was sworn in as your Mayor, and it is the pleasure of a lifetime to serve you. I committed to keeping you informed on our city government, so please accept this report detailing my administration's efforts so far on behalf of Beech Grove. We have more clearly defined our challenges, laid out our priorities, and have already established a record of fiscal responsibility and transparency. If I can answer any questions or be of any help, please contact me.



Sincerely,

Terry

Terry Dilk
Mayor, City of Beech Grove

Office Now at City Hall

On my first day as Mayor, I moved my office to City Hall. I have paid out of my own pocket to renovate the City Hall conference room, women's restroom, and to add paint and carpet to my new office. Please make time to visit me, get your questions answered, and attend one of our upcoming open houses.

Mayor's Office Open Houses

Wednesday, March 2: 6-8pm

Tuesday, March 8: 6-8pm

Monday, March 14: 6-8pm



Fiscal Responsibility and Conservative Reform - Saving Citizens \$242,000 Per Year

Like everyone in this economy, our city has had to tighten our belt to make sure we spend no more than we bring in. We are applying conservative approaches to government. **Beech Grove's budget is balanced**, and it will remain balanced.

I looked at my own office first when looking for savings. **I have a staff of one, down from a staff of three** under the previous administration. These measures alone save taxpayers \$124,489.16 per year.

I am aggressively pursuing common-sense, **conservative reforms** to our spending on consultants. I have cancelled federal lobbying contracts that cost the taxpayers \$43,200 per year and an economic development consultant that cost our city \$74,400 per year.

In the first 30 days of my administration, we have saved the taxpayers \$242,089.16 per year.

Item	Before Reform	After Reform
Federal Lobbying	\$43,200	\$0
Econ. Development Consultant	\$74,400	\$0
Mayor's Office	\$160,889.16	\$36,400
TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS		\$242,089.16

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Beech Grove's Debt - The Raw Data

I receive many questions about Beech Grove's debt.

The total amount of debt is \$11,119,324. That covers long-term bonds for capital purchases and improvements, redevelopment bonds taken out by the redevelopment commission, and a short-term tax anticipation warrant, only used because we do not always receive tax money from the state or county when we should. This money helps us run the city until our tax money arrives. It gets **paid off at the end of the year, leaving only about \$7.5 million in debt.**

We will pay off one bond in January, and another a year later, **saving the taxpayers \$160,000 per year.**

Having \$11 million in debt for a city with an annual budget of about \$6 million dollars is like having \$110,000 in debt with a \$60,000 per year salary.

A more detailed chart containing the originating bank, payment dates, and payment amounts is available upon request at my office.

Bond	Maturity	Principal Remaining
CITY & WASTEWATER		
General Obligation 2002	7/15/2013	\$240,000.00
General Obligation 2005A	1/1/2025	\$729,102.00
General Obligation 2006	1/1/2012	\$230,000.00
State Revolving Fund Loan 2004A	1/1/2025	\$1,515,222.00
	Total	\$2,714,324.00
RDC		
TIF Series 2005	1/15/2021	\$2,220,000.00
TIF Series 2007	1/15/2023	\$2,595,000.00
	Total	\$4,815,000.00
Short Term Debt		
Tax Anticipation Warrant	12/31/2011	\$3,590,000.00
	Grand Total	\$11,119,324.00

*A more detailed chart is available upon request at my office

Open, Transparent Government

I committed to opening the doors of government. Not only are we making it easier for citizens to come to us, we are taking the government to the citizens.

- Opened City Council meetings to comments and questions with **no time or content limitations**
- Established regular communication with the Democratic caucus
- Attended Councilman Ed Bell's February Town Hall meeting and answered two hours of questions from citizens
- Moved my office to City Hall, scheduled open houses for citizens to bring their issues
- Launched a Facebook page for the city, taking the government to citizens at no cost

Redevelopment Priorities

For too long, the resources of our city have been spread too thin. If there is one aspect of work I could change from my service on the Redevelopment Commission, it is that the commission did not prioritize and focus its resources.

As mayor, I have established priorities and asked that every available resource be directed toward two projects:

- **Main Street Redevelopment**
- **City Hall Renovation**

I have informed the RDC and the Council of my priorities, and I am hopeful we will be unite to accomplish these goals.



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