

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 6, 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, Mary Stewart, and Bud Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were Clerk Treasurer Sarah Kincaid and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Logston.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Minutes from the June 1, 2009 meeting were read. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes as read. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: John Jennings recognized the week of July 19th as Faith, Hope, and Love Week in the City of Beech Grove.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Wayne DeLong of Bingham McHale signed in to speak on the rezoning matter under new business. Mr. DeLong spoke on this matter when the item was up for discussion. Joe Griffin of 65 S 17th Avenue also signed in to speak. Mary Stewart motioned to allow Mr. Griffin to speak. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

REPORTS: There was no report for the Youth Council. Will Bach gave a report for the Redevelopment Commission. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bud Templin provided comments on possible use of stimulus money and other money recently awarded to the City of Beech Grove toward fixing City Hall, sooner rather than later. Due to the fact that the issue largely centers on mold, he feels it is an urgent problem that should be dealt with immediately.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff Logston introduced the Consideration of Rezoning Petition for the Property Located at 10 South 17th Avenue/1819 Main Street, and explained that the council has the authority to act as the hearing examiner if they so choose. Should the council not act as the hearing examiner, the county and Department of Metropolitan Development would then be in charge of the hearing. Wayne DeLong of Bingham McHale provided information on the petition to the council and should the council execute authority to hear the petition he would be able to provide extensive information at the hearing date. Jeff Logston clarified that the motion for the council would be to sit and hear the rezoning petition instead of the hearing taking place at a county level. Bud Templin motioned to execute council authority to sit as the hearing examiner for the rezoning petition for 10 South 17th Avenue/1819 Main Street on August 3, 2009 at the regular council meeting. John Jennings seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

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John Jennings introduced and Jeff Logston read in Resolution No. 5, 2009, a Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Transfer of Funds Between Budget Accounts Pursuant to IC 36-1-8-4. Ed Bell inquired to whether or not the resolution should contain dates on when transfers could be made. Jeff Logston stated that the resolution need only prescribe that the transfer can be done, which can take place anytime during the year. Bud Templin asked that the minutes reflect that the Redevelopment portion of the transfer was done prior to approval and sought understanding under the record. Sarah Kincaid explained that the transfer was only done based on the understanding that the resolution had been passed along with other temporary transfers and financial matters at the end of 2008. This, however, was discovered not to be the case, and that in fact the resolution for 2009 transfers had not been passed as had previously been understood. Upon learning of this the matter was immediately brought to city legal's attention and attention was taken to clean up the matter and ensure the matter was properly approved. Bud Templin motioned to accept Resolution No. 5, 2009. Mary Stewart seconded the motion. In discussion Ed Bell inquired if the date of transfer should be added to the resolution on when transfers were done. Mr. Logston stated that he did not feel this was legally necessary, as the resolution only authorizes the transfers. Bud Templin asked that the minutes reflect the date of the transfer made, which was January 15, 2009, but did not ask that the resolution be amended. Ed Bell agreed with this based on the principle of saving money by not making city legal review and re-prepare the documents. John Jennings felt that the important date in the resolution should be the date by which any temporary loans are paid back. All voted aye.

John Jennings introduced the Consideration of Resolution No. 6, 2009, a Resolution Providing for Participation in the Pick-up of Additional Employee Contributions. Jeff Logston read in Resolution No. 6, 2009. Ross Barton motioned to accept Resolution No. 6, 2009. Mary Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin thanked Will Bach and Terry Dilk for representing the RDC this evening. He also hopes that he can continue to get answers and information regarding updates on 2009 being a transition year and the 2010 budget impact on the city. He asks that the Mayor answer these questions publicly. He additionally thanked the Promoter's Club for an excellent fireworks show.

Councilman Bell thanked the RDC for getting with business owners on Main Street. He feels this will only work toward the goal of answers and questions they may have, as well as address problems and concerns. He echoed Bud's comment thanking the Promoter's for a great show.

Councilwoman Stewart thanked the Promoter's Club, Police and Fire Departments, and all other groups responsible for making the fireworks display a success.

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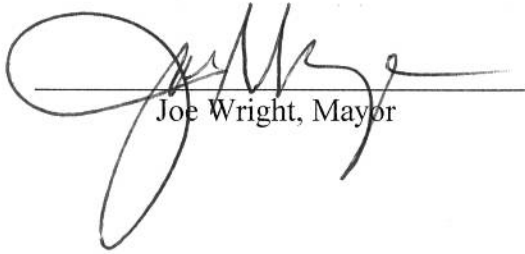
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Councilman Barton thanked Joe Griffin for his comments and input. He stated that after a day riding out with Sam to learn more about compliance he hopes to do the same for public works, as it was a valuable experience.

Councilman Jennings provided some information on some of the circumstances with recent Public Works Dept shortages that were shared with him by Brad Meriwether. He also congratulated all involved for a successful fireworks show on the 3rd.

Ed Bell motioned to adjourn. Mary Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer