

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 17, 2009

John Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, Bill Cincebox, John Jennings, Mike Pence, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: One citizen signed in to speak. Bud Templin motioned to allow the citizen to speak with no time limit. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Joe Griffin spoke on rezoning/zoning matters.

REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: John Jennings introduced and Tricia Leminger read in Resolution No. 7, 2009, a Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Beech Grove Board of Zoning Appeals. Bill Cincebox motioned to approve Resolution No. 7, 2009. Ross Barton seconded the motion. Bud Templin motioned to amend Resolution No. 7, 2009 to provide for Elizabeth Lamping, Debbie Springer, and Frank Mascari. Ed Bell seconded the motion. In discussion Bud Templin stated that the 3 names he provided all are very qualified and that none of these people mentioned are on any boards. He feels they would all provide a fresh start to the board and do a good job. A roll call vote was done with 4 votes against, 2 votes in favor. A vote was taken on the original resolution with the result of 4 votes in favor, 2 against. The resolution passed. Mr. Templin asked if in the future city legal could line item appointments to allow the council to vote on people individually rather than collectively.

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: John Jennings announced that the next regular council meeting will be on September 8th at the St. Paul Hermitage in order to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

COMMENTS: Councilman Bell expressed concerns about Digital City and its associated costs and will be speaking with each council member about his desire to do a full investigation of the Digital City project.

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Councilman Templin agreed with Ed that an investigation needs to take place on Digital City. The project was to be completed in 2007 and the answers to date on why this is not done and on cost are not satisfactory. He also wants to see City Hall status continue and make sure it is being dealt with. He stated that for the 2010 budget and its possible effects, he wants to see cuts made responsibly and from the top down, including the Mayor's Office.

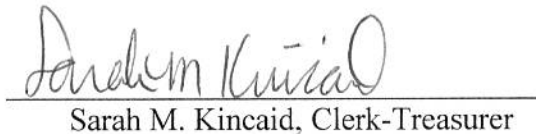
Councilman Cincebox stated that with funding holdups the park bridge and Elmwood Avenue have been delayed. However, they are set to be fixed in the Spring of 2010. He is aware of how bad the conditions are, but encouraged residents that it will only be an issue for one more winter and construction should begin.

Councilman Jennings reiterated that the next regular council meeting will be at St. Paul Hermitage on the 8th of September. He also thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a successful Beech Party.

Bill Cincebox motioned to adjourn. Mike Pence seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.



Joe Wright, Mayor



Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer