

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2015**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Dave Harrison, Anthony Davidson, Ed Bell, Kathy Coates and Mary Stewart. Also present were Mayor, Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan, and City Attorney, Craig Wiley. Absent were Councilors, Jennings and Mobley.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Council Election-President Pro-Tem- Councilor Stewart nominated Councilor Bell, citing she thinks he has done a fine job. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion, which was approved 4 to 1. Councilor Davidson voting no.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT: Presented by Kelly Foulk

The City is preparing for the snow this evening by salting and pre-treating the roads. The City of Indianapolis had started a change with Christmas tree recycling program, but they have changed back due to citizens comments, so they are accepting Christmas trees at all participating parks through January.

With Mayor Ballard's decision to not run again many appointed positions have changed and Melody Park is the new Chief Engineer for Indianapolis. Kelly is working on trying to set-up a meeting w between Melody and the RDC in regards to discussing sidewalks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the December 1st, 2014 meeting minutes to the Council. Councilor Stewart moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the December 8th, 2014 meeting minutes to the council. Councilor Stewart moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote. A signature page was included for these minutes.

2014 Year in Review with the Court-presented by Judge Wells.

Judge Well's shared a spreadsheet with the Council and a power point document. The court set a new record with over 5,000 filings in 2014. The Town of Speedway, City of Southport, The City of Lawrence and the Town of Homecroft have all filed violations in the City of Beech Grove Court.

Judge Wells explained the revenue and disbursements from the court. Also, he explained that there has been a steady increase of revenue from the court and he looks forward to more new growth in the future. He offered insight and an explanation regarding the changes to General Ordinance No.2, 2014- Ordinance Violation Bureau; (OVB). It is not an arm of the court, so it should be handled by the current administration and Clerk Treasurer and actually the police department has been handling the majority of the violations. Judge Wells also believes the court and city should stay separate entities.

Councilor Coates complimented Judge Wells for his handling of the court and the increased revenue.

Judge Wells pointed out that there is other things you can't quantify with the court, such as the unquantifiable benefits the court provides to the citizens and police, such as being able to attend court locally and cases being handled in an efficient manner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Council: None

Greenscape Commission: - Did not meet in December.

Redevelopment Commission: - Did not meet in December

Public Safety: None

ABC: None

Financial Report: - Presented by Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan

OLD BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 24, 2014

...amends Chapter 33 concerning the Police Chief and the Criminal Investigation Fund

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No. 24, 2014 into the record.

Councilor Davidson moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 24, 2014 passed on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 27, 2014

...amends Chapter 105 pursuant to trees and flora

Proposal for Remediation of Tree-Sidewalk Conflicts

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record General Ordinance No. 27, 2014

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 27, 2014 passed on Second Reading.

General Ordinance No. 28, 2014

...amends Title XIII General Offenses

Councilor Bell moved to amend the ordinance with the following amendments:

REPLACE 130.03 (e) “to the city council”, with “by filing a mandate action in the City Court“.

DELETE 130.03 (f) in its entirety.

ADD to page 7, 130.10 (16) any business that requires more than 10 police runs in a calendar month to respond to a report of theft for a value of less than fifty dollars.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the amendments.

Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice votes.

Councilor Coates moved to waive the rules and read this ordinance by title only including the amendments.

Councilor Stewart seconded the motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record by title only, General Ordinance No. 28, 2014.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 28, 2014 passed on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 1, 2015

RDC Appointments

Councilor Bell read the resolution into the record.

The Mayor nominated Cathy Chappell, Ron Mote & Dennis King.

The Council nominated Donald Webb and Mac Bellner.

Councilor Coates moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 1, 2015 passed.

Resolution No. 2, 2015

BZA Appointments

Councilor Bell read the resolution into the record.

The Council appointed Joe Haag, Diana Hendricks and Julie Weaver.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 2, 2015 passed.

Greenscape Commission Appointment:

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record, the resignation letter/email from Tim Latimer.

Councilor Stewart moved to accept the resignation. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bell recommended delaying the nomination and instead open up the nomination for the position, so that anyone interested may come forth.

Councilor Stewart moved to table the nomination until February. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance No. 1, 2015

Amends Chapter 36 pursuant to trash pick-up (recycling)

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No. 1, 2015 into the record.

Christine Vuskalns- spoke on behalf of her support for the ordinance. She estimates that they recycle approximately 30 pounds of recyclables every two weeks and she would like to see the City of Beech Grove be the beneficiary from both the environmental benefits of recycling as well as the financial gain from recycling.

Paul Severance- spoke in support of the ordinance and he read a poem that was written by Drew Dellinger Paul stated that “we all know” that dumping and burning, plastics, paper, aluminum, glass, etc. are bad for our environment .He believes this ordinance is an important step for the City of Beech Grove to begin to take responsibility for the care of our environment; which our grandchildren are going to inherit.

Carrie Hamilton, Executive Director of the Indiana Recycling Coalition -The Indiana State Legislature passed a new aggressive 15% goal for recycling. Recycling creates many jobs in Indiana, so it really is a win, win situation for the environment and the economy. Including public education will only assist in making this a very successful ordinance. She commended the Mayor for putting together a committee to develop such a strong ordinance. Recycling draws very high support from citizens.

Councilor Coates expressed concern that the ordinance raises more questions than answers and she was wondering who is responsible for sorting. Carrie explained that new technology provides the majority of the sorting. Councilor Coates was also concerned about what would happen if everyone did not sort correctly or are non-compliant. Mayor Buckley stated that this will be bid out and the people who pick up the recyclables will monitor this. Mayor Buckley also stated that our trash pick-up will continue as it

always has. Councilor Coates expressed that she is not against this, but she is just trying to figure it all out. Mayor Buckley stated that the city needs to correct our behavior, because a lot goes to the dump that doesn't need to go there.

Donald Webb spoke in support of recycling. He stated that he has been doing Ray's recycling for about 10 years and it has cut his trash in half. It does not cost the taxpayer or the city any extra money. Also, it is revenue neutral. He also commented that the younger people are better educated on the environment and have grown up being educated to be more eco- friendly and they will look for cities and towns that promote a greener environment. Donald also stated it is very easy to participate and he suspects we will get 80 to 85 percent participation.

Councilor Coates asked about Ray's picking up every week and Mr. Webb stated that yes, they do pick up his bin each week and he pays \$54.00 per year. Councilor Coates asked who was on the committee that developed the ordinance and Mayor Buckley stated that there were about a dozen residence and it originated with the middle school children.

Councilor Coates expressed her support and she will participate with it. The Public Works Director will address it at the next meeting.

Councilor Harrison asked that they make a correction on the last page, 96.4 correct the spelling from compliance to complaint.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 1, 2015 passed on First Reading.

General Ordinance No. 2, 2015

Amends Chapter 39 pursuant to the Ordinance Violations Bureau

Clerk Treasurer McMillan asked what difference this ordinance will make. Chief Swartz stated that the police department will continue to do the billing and receipting of these violations.

Councilor Harrison asked what the safety factor might be with this. Chief Swartz commented that some people like to argue or dispute it and being in the police station tends to keep them calmer.

Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No. 2, 2015 into the record by title only.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 2, 2015 passed on First Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Dave Harrison- None

Councilor Anthony Davidson-None

Councilor Ed Bell- Thanked everyone for coming, happy New Year and he asked everyone to be careful with the impending storm that has been forecast to hit this evening.

Councilor Coates- Thank you for coming.

Councilor Mary Stewart-We got a lot accomplished this evening and all great things for the city and the citizens. Thanks to everyone for coming.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record a grant letter that Brad Meriwether received on December 19, 2014 regarding the construction of sidewalks along Churchman Avenue The project name is Churchman Avenue Sidewalks Project- Federal funding approved: \$791,120.00 - City of Beech Grove cost: \$197,780.00. Mayor Buckley announced that project will begin in the spring of the year.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Stewart moved to adjourn. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8; 25pm..The next meeting will be Monday, February

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan