

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

ROLL CALL: Board of Works Members Ed Bell, Sandy Seward and Mayor Dennis Buckley were present. Also in attendance, was Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan with City Attorney Craig Wiley absent.

MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes from the October 7th, 2013 were presented to the Board. Sandy Seward moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Corporate Claims – claims in the amount of **\$588,784.58** were presented to the Board for approval.

Ed Bell asked about a claim on the last page that did not have a description for A&M Custom Solutions. Clerk Treasurer McMillan responded that it was for repairs on one of the police vehicles.

Sandra Seward asked about a claim to UPS for \$14.50 for office copies. Fire Chief Rob Cheshire responded that it was for the Fire Department letterhead.

Sandra Seward also asked about the claim for BGI Fitness in the amount of \$266.00 for the Community Center; janitorial supplies. There was no one from the Parks Department to explain what it is for so Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated he would find out and get back with her.

Ed Bell moved to accept the claims as presented in the amount of \$588,784.58. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dental and Vision Insurance for 2014

Clerk Treasurer McMillan gave an overview of what recommendation the Insurance Committee is asking for the Dental and Vision insurance for the City.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated that originally Met Life wanted an 8% increase so they put bids out to other companies. The Met Life premium came back at an 8% increase for 2014. Kansas City Life's dental premium will be a little lower for coverage than what the employees have in 2013. The lower option in 2013 is \$8.29 and with Kansas City Life it will be \$8.12 in 2014. It will save the employees and the City a little bit of money.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan received feedback for Aaron Jeanette that the Fire Department employees are happy with what the committee has decided. Rodney Giffin, from the Sanitation Department, stated they

are happy with the decision. Also Clerk Treasurer McMillan received an e-mail from James Baugh stating the Police Department is happy with the decision.

Firefighter Aaron Jeanette stated he was not able to attend any of the committee meetings but was able to attend one with Christian Duncan. Aaron Jeanette advised the Board that the top five dentists the employees in the City use are all in the Kansas City Insurance network. Aaron Jeanette stated this is an advantage because most of the employees will not be affected by the change. Christian and Aaron are also working with a couple other dentists, individually, to have them switch over so it will be a win win for everyone.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan is making a recommendation to go with Kansas City Life Insurance Company for the dental coverage and Met Life remain the Insurance Company for Vision coverage.

Sandy Seward moved to enter into an agreement with Kansas City Life for the City's dental coverage. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sandy Seward moved to enter into an agreement with Met Life for the City's vision coverage. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sandy Seward moved to have the Clerk Treasurer enter into an agreement with Met Life for the City's vision coverage and Kansas City Life for the City's dental coverage. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Police Department Activities – Presented by Police Chief Mark Swartz

Police Chief Swartz stated the Halloween hours will be from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and wants the citizens to call the Police Department for any suspicious activities. He is advising them to not wait until something happens; give them a heads-up.

Police Chief Swartz advised the Board that they had a serious incident about a week ago. A person was stabbed during a fight and fortunately he did survive and they do have a suspect.

Mayor Buckley asked Police Chief Swartz how the license plate reader is working. Police Chief Swartz stated it is starting to improve. He had it out on Saturday and they are able to read the license plates but they need to make sure the computers are talking to each other. Chief Swartz advised that all the radar guns are in the cars and working like they should. The department also has Electric tickets; this equipment will read the driver's license and registration quicker. This will make it easier on the officers because they will not be looking down to write the information; they can keep looking at the vehicle and people they have stopped. This will make it much safer for the officers.

Mayor Buckley also asked Police Chief Swartz about the incident at Wal-Mart. Police Chief Swartz advised the Board that he is not at liberty to discuss it at this time because it is an on-going investigation. He did say that Wal-Mart is their biggest run. They get runs daily on incidents and drug use.

Fire Department Activities – None at this time

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Ed Bell – Wants everyone to know that on Halloween night the First Christian Church will have a ‘trunk and treat’ at 10th and Albany. The Pastor and members of the church open up their trunks and pass out candy. It is a safe place for the kids and it is from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Ed Bell moved to adjourn. Sandra Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2013 after the Board of Sanitation Meeting; which begins at 6:00pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor Dan McMillan,

Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan

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