

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE, IN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2015**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes from the August 17th, 2015 were presented to the Board for approval. Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Corporate Claims – claims in the amount of **\$1,010,651.79** were presented to the Board for approval.

Ed Bell moved to accept the claims as presented. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer Lining Project - Construction Documents -*Motion to Proceed*

Sandy Seward move to approve the Motion to Proceed. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Road Closure - Eagles- *presented by Mayor Buckley*

Fraternal Order of Eagles is requesting permission to close Main Street from 7th Avenue to 8th Avenue on Saturday, September 19th, from 1:30pm to 9:00pm. They are also asking for a Police Escort; which Chief Swartz stated he does not see a problem with it.

Ed Bell moved to approve the closure. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request for Road Closure - Cars-R-Us- *presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan*

The Promoters Club is requesting permission to close Main Street from 2nd to 9th Avenues and 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, Avenues both North and South of Main Street to the alleys. Once parked these cars will not be moved. The date will be Sunday, September 27th, 7:00am to 5:00pm. The only moving vehicles during the show will be golf carts.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the closure. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request for Street Closing - South Grove Woods HOA- *presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan*

The Homeowners Association is requesting permission to close the street from 1113 Stave Oak Drive to 1122 Stave Oak Drive on Sunday September 27th, 12:00pm to 6:00pm.

Ed Bell moved to approve the closure. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ambulance Billing Agreement - Med-Bill- *presented by Chief Cheshire*

Chief reported that Med-Bill has decreased their rates to 4.5% and they also are covering the charge for the ESO software program; which is \$5,195.00 per year. Chief also reported that the ambulance service collected \$114,000.00 from Med Bill.

Chief also reported that the fire department received notice that they have passed the EMS accreditation process. Randall Hadler handles the process and has done so for the past two years. The Beech Grove Fire Department was the first department in Indiana to receive the accreditation. Chief Pierce was the Accreditation Officer at that time.

He gave an update on the ambulance and they anticipate it to be ready for use soon. The new recruits are doing great and working hard. They are in the EMT phase and putting in some long days. Fire prevention week is coming up the first week in October and the theme is to have each bedroom to have a working smoke detector. The Fire and Police Departments will be teaming up at the festival to sponsor a canned food drive. Ed Bell asked if the fire department will have smoke detectors available at the fall festival. Rob said if a citizen needs one they should contact the department and they will install one for them free of charge. He also commented that Citizens Energy has donated over 50 smoke detectors to the fire department.

Operations Chief Pierce gave an update on the fire truck. It should be ready in February or March.

He also gave an update on overdoses.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the agreement. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

School - Police Agreement- *presented by Chief Swartz*

Chief Swartz reported that the agreement has worked well and the school administrators have reported that they are satisfied with the service that is being provided.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan questioned the language in the contract and it was discussed.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the agreement. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley asked Police Chief Swartz for an update on Walmart and Motel 6. He reported that they do seem to be trying to comply and runs on both places have been down. Mayor Buckley also asked for a report on the panhandling. Chief Swartz reported that they haven't seen anyone there. DPW painted crosswalks and the police have warned them.

Request to Use Senior Center Parking, Electricity and Water - Promoters Club- *presented by John Morgan*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the request into the record. John Morgan gave a description of what they plan to do. The reason is, because after the completion of the Main Street they lost some parking places and Dr. Jordan has raised concern about having the Poor Jack trailers in their lot. The Promoter's also need access to water and power and that is available at the Senior Citizens lot.

Ed Bell moved to approve the agreement. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resignation within the Department of Public Works- *presented by Brad Meriwether, DPW Director*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the resignation of Michael Bennett into the record. Brad reported that Mike has been a good employee for the City, but he has an offer from Indianapolis and they offer overtime, so there is the opportunity to make more money. Sandy Seward commented that he has been a good mentor for the part-time employees.

Sandy Seward moved to accept the resignation. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval to Allow Brad Meriwether, DPW Director to Fill the Vacant Position

Sandy Seward moved to approve the request. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Bell moved to adjourn. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 21st, 2015 at 6:00 pm. at City Hall Council Chambers

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan