

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 1, 2010**

John Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Ross Barton, Ed Bell, Bill Cincebox, John Jennings, Mike Pence, Mary Stewart, and Bud Templin were present at the meeting. Also attending were Clerk Treasurer Sarah Kincaid and Deputy City Attorney Tricia Leminger. Not attending was Mayor Wright.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MEETING MINUTES: N/A

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Five citizens signed in to speak. Bud Templin motioned to allow all to speak with a time limit of 6 minutes. Mary Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Gerry McLaughlin, Pam Stallard, John Barnes, Dan McMillan, and Chris Millot spoke on Resolution 1, 2010.

REPORTS: Katie Wolfe gave a report for the Youth Council. Tim Latimer gave a report for the Greenscape Committee. Chief Witmer and Chief Pierce gave a report for the Public Safety Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Tricia Leminger introduced Special Ordinance No. 1, 2010, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Anticipations Warrants for the General Fund for 2010 and reminded the council that unanimous consent would be required to read it in by title only. Consent was given and the ordinance was read in by title only on first reading. Mike Pence motioned to accept Special Ordinance No. 1, 2010 on first reading by title only. Bill Cincebox seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Tricia Leminger read in Resolution No. 2, 2010, A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Transfer of Funds Between Budget Accounts Pursuant to IC 36-1-8-4. Bill Cincebox motioned to accept Resolution No. 2, 2010. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion, Bud Templin requested that at the time of transfer of Rainy Day to TIF that the council be given detail on such transaction and when the transaction was paid back and satisfied. The resolution was passed by voice vote.

Tricia Leminger read in Resolution No. 1, 2010, A Resolution to Support Retaining Local Dispatch Services. Bud Templin motioned to accept Resolution No. 1, 2010. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion, Bud Templin stated that this resolution stands for the independence of the community and detailed letters and comments of support from the

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community. John Jennings stated that the heart of the issue is funding and that 80% of the budget is personnel. He feels there is more information to hear and wants this information to make the most informed decision. Ross Barton asked Mr. Spitz to briefly explain the daily activities of dispatch. Mr. Templin provided additional comments of support he has heard from citizens and stated that it is also important to consider the Police Station is open 24 hours with dispatch present. Mr. Barton stated that while a resolution to support the service is a no brainer, the real issue is money; he would like to see the resolution address both issues and come together on them. Mr. Templin asked the council to consider who puts dispatch on a chopping block, and stated that this resolution is a start to sounding the position of the council. Bill Cincebox stated he would like to see a motion to table the resolution in order to get more information before casting a vote. A vote was called on the original motion resulting in 4 against, 3 for. John Jennings motioned to table the Resolution to March 15th. Ross Barton seconded the motion. In discussion, Bud Templin reminded the council that this is a resolution stating the position of the council, not a law. Ed Bell stated that with John's earlier comment about working together, he is unsure of why there is a delay on this resolution. Bill Cincebox stated that he is simply looking to get more answers and information, not to kill this resolution with a delay. The motion passed with 4 votes in favor of.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: John Jennings asked for volunteers to serve on a council committee to explore retiree health care benefits. Ross Barton, Ed Bell, and Bud Templin offered their service.

COMMENTS: Councilman Templin thanked John for help in creating the committee and also thanked him for recent communication on other items. He would like to see meetings taped given that the city is cutting edge on wireless connection to the internet. He would ideally like meetings to be taped live. He asked for more information on City Hall and requested documentation on the status of the condition of the building. He stated that it is important to worry about what happens today and tomorrow, not in 22 months, and that connecting meetings with TV are crucial in doing so. He reminded other council members that he holds no grudges after a council meeting and keeps business separate, but strong feels that it is his job to speak up when something is important.

Councilman Bell stated that in the absence of TV word of mouth is critical. He announced his next Town Hall meeting would be on March 9th at 7pm and would focus on primary candidates.

Councilwoman Stewart stated that she has and will continue to support her constituents' views. She also encouraged all to attend the Town Hall meeting.

Councilmen Jennings stated that he hopes next year we are still discussing dispatch and figuring out what to do, as this would indicate cash flow challenges were met. He stated that he feels his position is to support people in the city, but it is also his job to spend wisely and to not deficit spend. He hopes that the city can find a solution to getting the meetings taped again, as he was

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also not aware that they were no longer being taped. He would like to work with Bud on City Hall issues, and encouraged all to go check out the BG boys basketball teams as they all wrap up a great season.

Councilman Cincebox stated that the meetings not being on TV is bothersome and he was unaware of the fact that meetings are not being taped.

Mary Stewart motioned to adjourn. Ed Bell seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Joe Wright, Mayor

Sarah M. Kincaid, Clerk-Treasurer