

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday May 7th , 2012

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Council members Dave Mobley, John Jennings, Dave Harrison, Anthony Davidson, Ed Bell, and, Mary Stewart were present. Also in attendance were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Kathy Coates was absent.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag with the Girl Scouts.

MEETING MINUTES: Councilor Bell made a motion to not read the minutes in their entirety from the April 16th, 2012 meeting due to the limited time of tonight's meeting. There will be an audio copy on the website and copies available at City Hall. Councilor Jennings, seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Buckley read into record the proclamation celebrating the 100th birthday of Sister Mary Sylvester Will and proclaiming May 7th, 2012 as Sister Mary Sylvester Will Day in the City of Beech Grove.

Mayor Buckley read into record the proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts and proclaimed that May 14th, 2012 as Girl Scout Day in the City of Beech Grove.

Mayor Buckley read into record the proclamation for Arson Awareness Week and proclaimed the week of May 6th-12th Arson Awareness Week in the City of Beech Grove.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: Joe Grant of 1313 Park Meadow Way commented on the upcoming bond issue in regards to purchasing new fire equipment.

Chris Duffer of 1226 Alton Street commented on the information he requested from the Clerk-Treasurer on the cost of concrete work being done at Detroit and by the highway to make the city ADA compliant.

Mr. Duffer made the comment that it is too costly and wanted the council to be aware of what was being spent. Mr. Duffer asked about the bid process and Mayor Buckley responded that it is state statute that a bid is required if over \$75,000 and if over \$150,000 and is labor related we would have to use the prevailing wage quotes.

Anthony Kindle of 61 N 8th requested to reserve his time to speak at the end of the meeting. Mayor Buckley responded that he would hear his comments after the presentation of the obligation bond.

Aaron Jeanette of Local 416 Union President asked for the Council to vote yes for the obligation bond for new fire equipment. Mr. Jeanette commented on the current status of the fire equipment.

Gary Loveless, Community Liaison for Mayor Ballard's office gave a report on events happening around the City of Indianapolis. Councilor Jennings asked for an update on the noise reduction project along I-465. Mayor Buckley asked to defer to Tim Latimer on this issue later in the meeting. Councilor Jennings asked about when the sewer/water storage facility project would be starting. Mr. Loveless responded that it is currently being worked on. Councilor Stewart commented that she enjoyed reading the emails from Mr. Loveless on events happening outside the City of Beech Grove.

REPORTS:

Greenscape Commission: Tim Latimer gave a report on their meeting held on April 16th, 2012. Reminded citizens the procedures for planting trees in the right of way. Mr. Latimer gave an update on the I-465 sound barrier construction that is scheduled to begin in late spring and be completed in 2014. Mayor Buckley asked if there were any more meeting scheduled on this matter. Mr. Latimer replied that there are no more meetings scheduled at this time.

Redevelopment Commission: John Morgan gave a report on the matter of the rock pile sale. The city is in a 30 day holding pattern before negotiations can start and the last day for this is May 19th, 2012. The Redevelopment Commission is hoping to help the city with the paving of alleys north and south of Main Street subject to receiving property tax funds.

Public Safety Committee: Chief Rob Cheshire gave an update on the public safety committee's meeting held on April 25th, 2012. The focus for this month is Emergency Preparedness. The construction of the basement at the police department is completed. The police department is currently targeting abandoned vehicles. There is one officer currently at the Law Enforcement Academy and there are two new firefighters that have joined the fire department. The fire department also has two other firefighters who have been approved and currently going through the PERF process. Chief Cheshire commented on the vehicle maintenance issues at the fire department and the new heart monitors that they purchased with grant money for the vehicles. Councilor Jennings asked why the police department bought the Tahoe's instead of the Crown Victoria's. Chief Cheshire deferred to Chief Swartz. Chief Swartz commented that the Tahoe's were purchased because of the lower price than compared to the Crown Victoria's. Councilor Davidson asked about the motorcycle for sale that was seized by the police department and if going to auction was standard. Chief Swartz responded that this is normal procedure for assets seized to go to auction.

Finance Report: Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan commented that Eddie Mobley, son of Councilor Dave Mobley gave him his address and that if anyone has a loved one serving overseas their address will be put on the website, if they choose, so the soldiers can receive mail from those in their hometown. Clerk Treasurer McMillan gave an update on the finances in the City including tax distributions received in the total amount of \$372,813.44, amounts in the various bank accounts as of April 30, 2012 totaling

\$3,915,679.63, monthly retiree payroll expense totaling \$69,711.84 , bi-monthly payroll for employees totaling \$219,668.48 ,City's match for the federal 941 tax in the amount of \$65,251.01 and the City's health trust account in the amount of \$362,365.34 . The DPW report year-to-date on landfill charges is \$29.00 per ton for a bill totaling \$41,421.86. The wastewater department revenue for this month was \$444,493.39 and the sanitation revenue in the amount of \$132,149.14. The total amount for permits, dog licenses and dog park memberships for the month of April are \$7,713.00. There were other fees in the amount of \$7,166.00. The court revenue for this period was in the amount of \$10,986, previous period in the amount of \$30,649 and the year-to-date total in the amount of \$41,635. Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan also gave a report on the extra revenue amounts that were received for the worker's comp audit, insurance money for the ambulance and fire truck. Councilor Jennings asked if the undistributed revenue we received would occur every year or is it a one time disbursement. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated that according to the state, the amount we would be getting would increase, but after talking to Mr. Peters our financial consultant we could lose money. Mayor Buckley stated that he would defer to Mr. Peters when Special Ordinance # 3 is presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Buckley read into record Special Ordinance #3, 2012 and ordinance allowing the fiscal body of the City of Beech Grove to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to transfer funds presented to the City of Beech Grove by the Marion County Treasurer's Office concerning an y undistributed 2011 and 2012 COIT,PST and LOIT into the Rainy Day account . Mayor Buckley deferred to Mr. Jeff Peters, financial consultant for the city. Mr. Peters spoke about the procedures for this transfer of funds and what the formula was in figuring the amounts. The State had made an error in their amounts going back to the beginning of 2011. Mr. Peters recommended that we put this money into the Rainy Day Fund and use it when needed. Councilor Jennings asked about the tax rates. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to approve Special Ordinance #3, 2012 on first reading. Councilor Jennings made a motion to approve, Councilor Harrison seconded, motion approved on first reading by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Buckley stated that the council will hear the second and third readings at the May 21st meeting.

Councilor Stewart read into record Special Ordinance #4, 2012 in the naming of the baseball field in Sarah T. Bolton park located at 1324 Churchman to Richard Dick Templin Field. Councilor Bell read into record a letter from the Templin family. Councilor Bell commented on what a great individual and citizen Mr. Templin was for the City of Beech Grove. Councilor Jennings commented that he agrees with Councilor Bell and what a fantastic idea this is and he is proud to be a part of it. Joe Prindle Vice-President of the Park Board commented that he is honored to be here and that the board is glad to hear that the council is voting on this ordinance. Mayor Buckley called for a motion to approve Special Ordinance #4, 2012 on First Reading. Councilor Jennings made a motion to approve, Councilor Bell seconded, motion approved on First Reading by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Buckley stated that they will hear the 2nd and 3rd readings at the May 21st meeting.

Mayor Buckley read the letter from Jackson Systems requesting a tax abatement to expand their business in the amount of 5 years for property taxes and sales tax on equipment for the new expansion only. Councilor Jennings stated that he would be open to hearing their request to discuss the tax abatement. Councilor Stewart was also in agreement on hearing their request. Mayor Buckley made the recommendation that the council hear this request. Councilor Jennings made a motion to hear the

request at the next meeting on May 21st, 2012, Councilor Harrison seconded. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mayor Buckley presented the 2012 General Obligation Bond Issue regarding the following problems in presenting this bond issue: Redevelopment of Main Street, erosion in city park, infrastructure problems with city buildings and equipment problems with city vehicles. Mr. Peters presented the issues and recommendations on resolving the city's problems with the 2012 General Obligation Bond. Mayor Buckley stated that we have received \$750,000 from the government and we have a \$1,162,000 match, which makes us short \$412,000. Trent Newport of Crossroad Engineers presented the issues of redeveloping Main Street. Construction is expected to start this fall, depending upon the state's approval, the other issue is the water line down the middle of Main street. Councilor Davidson asked if there were any changes made to the current project presented from December of 2011. Mr. Newport answered that there were no changes on paper, items were scaled back within the projects. Councilor Davidson asked if the side streets were still included in the plan. Mr. Newport answered that the side streets were still included. Councilor Jennings asked if anything had been added to the current amount. Mr. Newport answered that the match amount has stayed the same. Councilor Bell asked John Morgan if the Redevelopment Commission will be involved with the project. Mr. Morgan answered that they commission is tentatively. Mayor Buckley asked Trent Newport to explain the problem of the City becoming ADA compliant. Mr. Newport recommended that the city make a priority list of the areas that need to be ADA compliant and having communication with the citizen's. Chief Rob Cheshire commented on the bond issue in regard to the problems affecting the fire department buildings and equipment. The fire department has asked for \$450,000 of the bond issue, which is an appropriate amount for a new apparatus. The bids will have very specific specs for the new apparatus. There have been four manufacturers bid on this new apparatus. Currently there is a new ambulance on order to replace the current ambulance in service. Councilor Davidson commented that he is very appreciative of the help he has received from the fire department in regards to explaining the issues with the equipment and buildings. Councilor Bell

Director of Public Works Brad Meriwether commented on the bond issue in regard to the repairs that need to be done to the maintenance building and garage at the Public Works buildings. Director Meriwether is asking for \$75,000 for the repairs to the maintenance building and \$35,000 for the garage. Councilor Jennings asked if the City would be doing the work themselves. Director Meriwether responded that they have replaced items like the ceiling tiles themselves, but other repairs they will have an outside source come in to do.

Parks Director Tom Hannan provided a list of items that need repair in the parks and the estimated cost for these items in regard to the bond issue. Parks board member Joe Prindle commented on the needs of a new shelter and playground equipment.

Mayor Buckley asked for a recommendation to proceed with the bond issue. Councilor Jennings asked for clarification on the meaning of recommendation. Councilor Bell made a motion to proceed with the bond issue, Councilor Harrison seconded. Mayor Buckley took individual votes, Councilor Mobley-proceed, Councilor Jennings-proceed, Councilor Harrison-proceed, Councilor Bell-proceed, Councilor

Davidson-proceed, Councilor Stewart-proceed. Mayor Buckley read into record Ordinance #2, 2012 Councilor Stewart made a motion to approve Ordinance #2, 2012, Councilor Harrison seconded. Mayor Buckley took an individual vote, Councilor Mobley-yes, Councilor Jennings-yes, Councilor Harrison-yes, Councilor Bell-yes, Councilor Davidson-yes,Councilor Stewart-yes.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Anthony Kindle commented on the Jackson Systems tax abatement and encouraged the council to support the abatement. Mayor Buckley asked the council to table General Ordinance #14, General Ordinance #15 and General Ordinance #16 til the next meeting.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILORS: Councilor Jennings thanked the citizen's who stayed for the entire meeting and commented on his concerns with the bond issue. Councilor Harrison commented on the necessity of the bond issue. Councilor Davidson concurred with Councilor Jennings and also has some concerns. Thanked everyone who helped with the Little League parade. He also reminded everyone to go and vote tomorrow. Councilor Bell commented on the conditions of the city buildings and agrees that the bond issue is necessary. Councilor Stewart commented that this is a good step forward and thanked all the department heads for their work on gathering information. Mayor Buckley commented that this bond is necessary and he is appalled at the condition of the city's buildings and equipment.

The next meeting will be Monday May 21st, 2012 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Stewart , made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Harrison , seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer

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