

RDC February 2018 Minutes

The February 8, 2018 meeting was held at Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting began at 7:00pm (1900 hours) and ended at 8:00 pm (2000 hours).

Those attending included President Donald Webb, Vice President Ron Mote, Secretary Cathy Chappell, new member Tara Wolf. Mark Rihm, a new member, was unable to attend due to a family emergency and Rick Skirvin was also absent.

First order of business was voting on the January minutes. A motion was made by Ron Mote to accept the minutes and seconded by Cathy Chappell. The minutes were approved.

Next order of business was accounts payable. This is a list of outstanding bills: BG sewer bill, CrossRoads Engineers, Tim Showalter, and a bond payment to Regions Bank. Vice President, Ron Mote entered a motion to pay the total amount of \$255,310.00 and Secretary, Cathy Chappell seconded. The motion carried.

Kevin, from Kevin K. Parsons & Associates, spoke briefly about the structures being considered to welcome travelers to Beech Grove. Tara, being new to the RDC was brought up to date on this ongoing project. A motion was made by Ron Mote and seconded by Cathy Chappell to spend up to \$9,000.00 for the design and development phase of the interstate project. The motion carried.

The next person to address the commission was Rebecca Perdue. She is president of Humble Impressions. She spoke on behalf of an organization that helps those in need. They have a location at Madison and Stop 11 and another on south Keystone Avenue. The building they have been using on Keystone has been sold by the owner. They are

currently looking for a new location. Rebecca told the RDC the organization serves about 120 per day. It is run by volunteers and exists on donations. The emergency food and clothing pantry is open 6 days a week and everything in the thrift store sells for \$.99. Her purpose was to ask if the RDC was aware of any building in Beech Grove that might be available to move into. Secretary, Cathy Chappell asked how many square feet would be needed. If they combined with Servant's Heart about 12,000 sq. ft. and if occupied by just Humble Impressions, 5,000 sq. ft. They are looking for either no rent or low rent. Cathy asked Rebecca if they have contacted any churches. Cathy mentioned the rental room at the Methodist Church and she would get a phone number for Rebecca. The organization must vacate their current building by February 22.

Mayor Dennis Buckle spoke next. Topics included:

1. The Department of Public Works awarded a contract to Borgmann Enterprises for landscaping the roundabout, Centennial Park, Emerson Avenue and Main Street. The mayor said the RDC was welcome to pay for half in the amount of \$11,400.00
2. The City Council approved IPL changing the street lights to all LED.
3. The demolition of St. Francis Hospital on Albany Street should be completed by June 2018.
4. OCRA awarded a \$40,000.00 planning grant. The money received will be to improve the facades of 12 buildings. Seven additional businesses would like to be included. That means \$10,500.00 additional dollars are needed. The mayor brought this to the attention of the city council and suggested the RDC pay half of the amount in the total of \$5250.00. No decision will be made tonight. The building owners who have signed up for the façade improvements are willing to commit to even more of a financial investment.
5. Dennis did not have details on the car lot on Emerson.

6. Dennis also discussed the horrible conditions of some of the streets due to bad weather.

Vice President, Ron Mote made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Tara Wolf. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary