

RDC Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2019

The September meeting was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 on the second floor of City Hall. Members present included President Don Webb, Vice President Ron Mote and Secretary Cathy Chappell. Absent from the meeting was Tara Wolf, Ed Bell and Dr. Paul Kaiser. The meeting began at 7:11pm (1911 hours).

A motion was made by Ron Mote to accept the minutes from the August RDC meeting and seconded by Cathy Chappell. The motion carried.

Next order of business was the paying of outstanding bills. The bills totaled \$13,952.90. Money was due to Borgmann Enterprise, Tim Showalter, Lewis-Kappes Law Firm and Jeff Peters Financial Consultants. An invoice was submitted in the amount of \$231.50 by Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP but none of the RDC members were aware of what it was to cover. The group decided to hold off the payment until the October meeting.

Ron Mote made a motion to pay the other invoices and the motion was seconded by Cathy Chappell. The motion carried.

Angell McKenna, from the Parks Department, once again approached the RDC about paying \$20,722.00 to have a new website created for the city of Beech Grove. Angel stated the \$9,000.00 yearly fee would be funded by the Parks Department. Each department of the city would be responsible for obtaining and then loading the information onto the site. This website would also have the ability to accept credit cards for various payments.

Vice President Rob Mote asked Angel if other city departments had been approached about sharing the expense of creating the web site. They have not. Ron said he would like the city council, as well as the persons running for office to express their thoughts on a new web site. He also would like the various city departments to share their thoughts on the value of a new site.

Angel was also asked the time frame to create the web site and get it up and running. Her response was 7 to 8 months. Don stated he was concerned about spending over \$20,000.00 and no other department keeping their information updated on a regular basis. Angel plans to talk to other departments about committing to participate in keeping updated info on the site.

Next topic for discussion was the budget. Don said he had two items on the budget for 2020. One was \$650,000.00 for the sewer project for the CSX property and the other was \$85,000.00 for the Trailways. He said he did not add in \$20,000.00 for a website, nor money for the attorney fees and Tim Showalter for videotaping of the RDC meetings. Don prefers to discuss the budget at the October 17, 2019 RDC meeting and present it to the council at their November meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the contaminated landfill and also about separating the CSX property from the other TIF properties. Don suggested the RDC attorney, Robert Rund work alongside Jeff Peters to handle the legal requirements involved.

Ron Mote made a motion to end the meeting and Cathy Chappell seconded. The meeting ended at 7:46pm (1946 hours).

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary