

RDC Minutes April 21, 2022

The April 21st meeting of the Beech Grove RDC was held on the second floor of BG City Hall. The meeting started at 7:01 pm (1901 hours).

Members present included Liz Lamping, Vice President, Cathy Chappell, Secretary, Matthew Kochevar, President, Nathan Rinks and School Board Rep, Rob Challis. Pete Piazza was not in attendance.

Approval of the March minutes was next. Nathan Rinks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Matthew Kochevar seconded. The motion carried.

The docket was presented next. Accounts payable included the following companies and amounts owed: Peters Franklin, \$1397.78, CrossRoad Engineers, \$800.00 and Lewis-Kappes, \$1118.00. Nathan Rinks made a motion to accept the docket as presented, Liz Lamping seconded. The motion carried.

Resolution 2022-2 was read by President Matthew Kochevar, who also made a motion to approve. Liz Lamping seconded. The motion carried. (Please see the two-page attachment, signed version on file).

AES, formerly, IPL brought to the attention of the city the open-ended contract regarding the conversion to LED streetlights. The city now saves approximately \$4000.00 per month. More information about the bill increase will be sent to the city. Any additional funds over the \$40,000.00 RDC commitment will be discussed later. The original bill was \$300,000.00 payable over 3 years. The first year has been paid and Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Coffman is hoping to pay the last two years at one time to avoid paying interest.

Nathan Rinks brought up the subject of outdoor seating. Mayor Buckley said the barricades used last summer can be placed again in front of O’Gara’s and Shiny Day Café. Nathan, along with Rob Challis, expressed a desire to install permanent seating. This would mean removing two parking spaces along Main Street.

Mayor Buckley discussed the financial investment regarding the parking lot at the Hornet Park Community Center. The contract was awarded to Robertson Paving.

Their agreement is to not exceed \$999,919.00. The base bid is \$931,162.00. In the event of unexpected repairs, there are two alternate bids. One is \$47,557.00 and the second is \$21,200.00. The RDC has been asked to assist the city in the amount of \$200,000.00. Mayor Buckley has requested the RDC pay the additional \$47,557.00 if needed. That would bring the RDC commitment to \$247,557.00. The second alternative would be paid by another group, as well as the city. Construction of the new parking lot would not begin until school is out.

The RDC made a financial commitment, not to exceed \$81,000.00 for paving, The bid came in less than expected so the amount will be less from the RDC.

The city received from INDOT \$1,898,811.00 for construction of phase 2 of the trail. The city will match that amount. Construction will not start until 2024.

The city will receive an additional \$351,000.00 to do more paving. The mayor will approach the RDC for financial assistance later this year. The project will be awarded in 4 months. In 2023 the money for paving will exceed \$700,000.00.

Nathan announced a fundraiser will take place at O’Gara’s on Thursday, April 28. This is to gather donations to assist with championship rings for the basketball team, cheerleaders, and staff. Patrons must be 21 to enter. Also, Rob Challis said on the Friday, the 29th, at 5:30 a parade will take place honoring the State Champion basketball team as well as cheerleaders and staff.

Cathy Chappell made a motion to adjourn, Liz Lamping seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Chappell, Secretary