

RDC - January 21, 2021 Minutes

The first meeting of the new year was held on the second floor of Beech Grove City Hall. Those present included President Liz Lamping, Vice President Nathan Rinks, Secretary Cathy Chappell, James Siegman and new member, Matthew Kochevar. No school board representative was present. The meeting began at 7:00pm (1900 hours).

First order of business was the election of RDC Officers for the year 2021. Cathy Chappell nominated Nathan Rinks for President, the motion was seconded by James Siegman. All 5 members voted in favor of Nathan. Liz Lamping made a motion to nominate Matthew Kochevar for Vice President, Nathan Rinks seconded and all 5 members voted in favor of Matthew. James Siegman nominated Cathy Chappell for Secretary and Nathan Rinks seconded. All 5 members voted in favor of Cathy remaining as secretary. Once the election was completed the new officers took over the meeting.

Next on the agenda was voting on the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting.. A motion was made by Liz Lamping to accept the minutes with no changes and seconded by James Siegman. The motion carried..

President Nathan Rinks presented the docket which totaled \$273,905.06 and asked if there were any questions regarding the amount. He did mention the bond payment to Regions Bank in the amount of \$266,240.00 had already been paid. There were no questions. A motion was made by Matthew Kochevar to accept the docket and seconded by Cathy Chappell. The motion carried.

RDC attorney Robert Rund explained that if you filled out a Conflict of Interest Form for the year 2020, and you had no changes regarding your relationship with the city, it was not necessary to turn in a new form for 2021. The only member required to do so is Matthew Kochevar. Mr. Rund suggested the RDC table the acceptance until the February meeting. The President ProTem of the city council, Bobby Ferguson is the appointing authority regarding Matthew.

Mayor Buckley approached the RDC members with the following information:

1. The RDC fund balance at the time of the meeting was \$351,559.44
2. The next tax payment deposited in the RDC account will be \$489,000.
3. There are two bond payments left until the debt is completely paid off. July 1, 2021- \$133,120.00 and January 1, 2022 - \$131,560.00
4. The RDC has paid off all monies owed for their portion of the Greenway.
5. The RDC has no financial obligation to the Thompson Trail
6. The RDC has no financial obligation to the roundabout at 25th and Churchman.
7. Once the plans for Milestone to build upon the CSX property fell through, the RDC had no financial commitment to Heritage Group.

The Mayor also asked if the RDC would be interested in helping to fund three projects.

1. Re-paving 13th to 17th on Main Street adding ADA ramps along with a bike lane on the southside of the street. The cost for the RDC would be \$170,000.00
 2. Correcting a drainage problem at Garstang and Schaff Street. The cost for the RDC would be \$60,000.00
 3. Converting all street lights to LED lights. The RDC cost would be \$40,000.00
- A motion was made by President Nathan Rinks to authorize attorney Robert Rund to prepare the appropriate resolution regarding the 3 projects presented by the city and recommended by the Mayor. It was seconded by Liz Lamping and the motion carried unanimously.

President Nathan Rinks mentioned that Secretary Cathy Chappell is doing some research on the possibility of the RDC building an amphitheater. Cathy said Bloomington, IN also has an amphitheater and James Siegman said Noblesville, IN also has an amphitheater. Krista, from Franklin, IN is willing to talk at an RDC meeting regarding the building of an Amphitheater. Nathan mentioned Sarah T. Bolton Park as a possible location to build upon.

Nathan reiterated he would still like the RDC to have a work session. He would like to make it a priority.

Mayor Buckley encouraged members to walk part of the Greenway Trail. He also stated it was too soon to prepare for the second phase.

Liz said she would be interested in using funds, if possible, to help with a new BG Police Station.

Nathan addressed the community to let the RDC know if there is a project they think would be of interest to the RDC please let us know.

Nathan welcomed Matthew Kochevar and had him tell the RDC a little bit about himself. He is an attorney dealing with election law for the state. . He is looking forward to being on the RDC and plans to make BG his permanent home.

The next RDC meeting is February 18, 2021 at 7pm, at city hall.
Matthew made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Liz. Lamping. The motion passed. The meeting lasted 45 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathay Chappell, Secretary.