

RDC – October 12, 2017

The Beech Grove RDC met October 12, 2017 on the second floor of city hall for their monthly meeting. The meeting started at 7:06 pm (1906 hours). Those members attending included President, Donald Webb, Vice President, Ron Mote, Secretary, Cathy Chappell and member Ed Bell.

First order of business was voting on the previous month's minutes. Ed Bell made a motion to accept and seconded by Ron Mote. The motion passed.

Next on the agenda was listing the outstanding bills. The amounts due totaled \$16,882.87. Those owed monies included: Borgmann Landscaping, Tim Showalter, Sewer Bill, Crossroads Engineering, and Kevin Parsons Designs. Cathy Chappell made a motion to pay the above-mentioned bills and seconded by Ed Bell. The motion was accepted.

Mayor Buckley spoke briefly about what projects are ongoing in the community:

The Churchman Sidewalk Project, now, is 95% completed. There will a ceremony on October 24, 2017 at 10:30am at the First Baptist Church. The project had a price tag of 1.3 million dollars.

Utility work was completed at 20th Avenue.

Amtrak, which is in a TIF District, is going to be investing 20 to 25 million dollars in improvements, including fencing and drainage control. This will be over the next 3 to 4 years.

The St. Francis demolition is proceeding on schedule. Four underground tanks are getting ready to be removed.

If the city council approves, a police and fire stations would be constructed on the former St. Francis Hospital property. However, that is a topic for a later time.

A paper shredding and appliance drop off event will soon take place. Contact city hall for details.

A Veterans Day Service will be held on the steps of City Hall, Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am (1100 hours). In the event of poor weather the service will take place inside.

Thirty-five portable radios for the fire department have been purchased, twenty-three radios for the police department and 10 cars for the police department have also been purchased. All have been paid for by check.

At the November 6, 2017 city council meeting IPL will do a presentation regarding replacing existing street lights with LED lights. This has already taken place on Emerson Avenue. It is a 3-year plan with a cost of \$300,000.00. The savings would be around \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 per year.

The city has applied for an INDOT grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 for projects to start next spring. This includes sidewalks on the north side of Thompson Road from Emerson Avenue to 9th Avenue. Also, included would be completely replacing both the street and sidewalks on Elm Street.

Sidewalks and planters have been installed around the parking lot at the Safeway Grocery. New water mains have been installed under the sidewalks.

President Donald Webb advised the RDC members he would be presenting to the city council, at the November 6 meeting, a report on RDC accomplishments for the year 2017. He would also present a proposed budget for 2018.

RDC attorney Mr. Robert Rund talked briefly about the possibility of a roundabout being installed where Perkins (25th Ave.) and Churchman Avenue intersect. This is a future project to be discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ed Bell and seconded by Ron Mote. The time was 7:29 pm (1929 hours). The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary