

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BETHEL HEIGHTS CITY HALL  
April 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

The Bethel Heights City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting in the Bethel Heights City Hall. Mayor Cynthia Black called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered the roll call: Debra Cheval, Karen Taylor, Sam Black, and Jacob Meckem.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Recorder/Treasurer Janet Nelson, Deputy City Clerk Lisa Gibson, and Police Chief Rick Moore were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: Alderman Black moved to approve the agenda for April 18, 2017. Alderwoman Cheval seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

APPROVE MINUTES: April 3, 2017. Alderman Black moved to approve the minutes from April 3, 2017. Alderwoman Cheval seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

APPROVE TREASURY REPORT: March 2017. Members reviewed the treasury report. Mayor Black presented the council with a report of a rebate that will affect the city's sales and use tax collections by roughly \$15,000. Members reviewed the report and discussed the rebate process. Alderwoman Cheval moved to approve the treasury report for March 2017. Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

REVIEW OF WASTEWATER TREASURY REPORT: March 2017. Members reviewed the wastewater treasury report. Alderman Black questioned the bank accounts being switched. Mayor Black stated that all accounts from Arvest have been closed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

COMMENTS ON WRITTEN REPORTS: Police Department, Fire Department, Wastewater Department, Street Department, & Building Permits. Alderman Black questioned if there had been any drug busts the past month. Chief Moore stated that one raid was conducted in the Jefferson Street area. Mrs. Nelson stated that the county was stopping people along Apple Blossom and Old Wire on Saturday. Chief Moore stated that they were doing seat belt checks. Alderwoman Cheval asked about ADEQ on the Sewer report.

**Call to Order**

**Roll call**

**Officials**

**Pledge**

**Agenda**

Motion to Approve  
Motion Passed

**Minutes**

Motion to Approve  
Motion Passed

**Treasury Report**

Motion to Approve

Motion Passed

**Review of Wastewater  
Treasury Report**

**Public Forum**

**Comments on Written  
Reports**

Mayor Black stated that ADEQ had received a complaint and an individual came and walked the fields but no evidence of the complaint was found. Mayor Black stated that the report that has been received asked the city to correct the surfacing issues and to have the issues repaired and completed.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Appropriate Funds: \$236,000 for the Purchasing of Property:**  
 Mayor Black stated that she has signed a contract for the property and that the soil testing is scheduled for April 25 with the results being back at the end of the week. Mayor Black stated that the guys have started to dig the five holes and it appears the soil is good. Alderwoman Cheval requested if saw dust would cause problems with the soil. Alderman Black stated that the saw dust would have been further south along Oak Street. Members discussed the previous uses on the property. Mayor Black stated that the closing date is set for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Black stated that the closing fees shouldn't amount to more than \$1,000 therefore funds need to be appropriated for the purchasing of the property. Alderwoman Cheval moved to appropriate \$236,000 for the Purchasing of the Property along Oak Street. Alderman Meckem seconded the motion. Mayor Black called the roll and the following votes were recorded: Cheval-yes, Taylor-yes, Black-yes, and Meckem-yes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Community Clean-Up:** Mayor Black stated that the city would be taking part in a community clean-up to celebrate earth day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Black stated that the flyer has been posted on the city's website.

ADJOURN MEETING: Alderman Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderwoman Cheval seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED: Cynthia J. Black  
Mayor

ATTEST: Janet Nelson  
Recorder/Treasurer

**Presentation of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Old Business**  
Appropriate Funds:  
\$236,000 for Property Purchase

Motion to Approve

Motion Passed

**New Business**  
Community Clean-Up

**Adjourn Meeting**  
Motion to Adjourn  
Motion Passed