

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2016**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Buddy Templin, Jim Brooks, Dave Harrison, Ed Bell, Elizabeth Lamping, Chris Duffer and Kevin Day. Also present were Mayor, Dennis Buckley, Clerk-Treasurer, Dan McMillan, and City Attorney, Craig Wiley.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

face- *presented by Lisa Tudor*

face- is a low cost animal clinic located on the eastside of Indianapolis. In the year 2000 the City of Indianapolis intake program was close to 33,000 animals per year, last year it was near 3,000, so the program has made a great impact for the City of Indianapolis. Lisa is the coordinator for the [Community Cats Program](#). The Community Cats Program provides feral/stray cats with veterinary care; which includes vaccines, spay/neuter services and ear tipping. It reduces the number of stray cats in neighborhoods and provides a more humane life style for these cats. More information is available by linking to [face](#).

MAYOR HOGSETT'S LIAISON'S REPORT: *presented by Kelly Foulk*

[Indianapolis Animal Care & Control](#)- is offering an adoption special on adopting an animal. You can view [Petfinder/Animal Control](#) to view the animals available for adoption by [Indianapolis Animal Care & Control](#).

[The Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce](#)- their next meeting is February 11th, 2016 at 11:30 am at Hornet Park. The chamber is offering many benefits and excellent small business education opportunities. The Chamber Director is Laura Barnard and she is doing an excellent job.

[Indy Parks](#)- is offering a \$10.00 discount for registration to attend [summer day camps](#). The discount is good through March 31st, 2016. Also, on Friday, February 5th, 2016, [spring registration](#) for all Indy Parks Programs opens up.

[Life Guard & Swim Classes](#)- available at Indy Parks, maybe your teenager is interested in securing a job as a lifeguard this summer. For a listing of available job opportunities visit [Indy Parks Employment opportunities](#).

[Indianapolis Public Library](#)- the CEO of Indianapolis Public Libraries, Jackie Nytes is conducting a "CEO Love your Library Tour: Global City, Global Library". More information is available by visiting ["Events at the Library"](#).

IMPD & Hubler Easter Event- will be Saturday, March 26, 2016. They are seeking out volunteer groups that would like to help.

Beech Grove & Franklin Township Lions Clubs are hosting a pancake breakfast at Longhorn Steakhouse 4820 East Southport Road, Saturday, February 6th, 2016 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Tickets are \$6.00 or they can be purchased on line @ [Lions Club Sausage & Pancake Breakfast](#) for \$6.48 per ticket. If you're unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, the same link can be used. All donations go directly back into the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan presented the meeting minutes from January 4th, 2016 to Council. Councilor Lamping noted that on page 6, under the RDC Resolution, the vote was incorrectly recorded and should read, Councilors Bell, Harrison and Lamping voted no. Councilor Brooks moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Melissa Carmen- has been a Beech Grove resident for over 17 years. She came before the Council to address her concerns with BGPD response to crime in her area. She lives in Parkview Apartments and she stated that when she called police on November 5th, 2015 that she was told by a Beech Grove Police Officer that that no one could pay him to live where she does. The second incidence was on December 30th, 2015, when she called the police the officer told her, their hands were tied for petty crimes, because they have more pressing issues. She asserted that no crimes should be overlooked. Councilor Lamping asked Mrs. Carmen what she considers smaller crimes. She stated that in the apartment complex that they live in there are daily fights, physical altercations. When police are called and arrive, the fighting stops and they just ask if everything is ok. Once they leave the scene, the same problems ensue. She doesn't feel the police officers are asking enough questions and doing enough investigation to get to the problem.

Andrew Carmen – he stated his concerns are the same as Melissa's. He has lived in Beech Grove his entire life and was born at St. Francis. His concern is that crime is on the rise in Beech Grove. He also commented that he believes Beech Grove Police Department spend too much time in Speedway Gas Station. He joined Crime Watch several months ago to try to make a difference. He also does not believe that BGPD considers Parkview Apartments part of Beech Grove, but it is and the students that live there attend Beech Grove Schools. Councilor Lamping asked when most of the crime is being committed and Mr. Carmen stated that it happens all times of the day and all different days of the week. His concern is much the same as Melissa's; which is that the crimes aren't being investigated, questions aren't being asked, so the crime continues. Councilor Lamping suggested that it might be a good idea for a few of the council members to meet with them to discuss further their concerns and achieve a better understanding of the problems they are facing.

Toni Bauer- has lived in Beech Grove her entire life except while serving in the military. She moved back here with her husband to raise her family. She stated that the change and increase in crime she has seen since she moved back has been shocking. She cited several recent crimes that have taken place. She also stated that she has called dispatch to report a crime, and not have the call answered, but she has gotten into her car and drove to Speedway Gas Station to find an officer there. She also cited the elevated drug use and needles being found in Beech Grove that is causing great concerns.

Jim Coffman, President, [Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce](#) - reported on [upcoming events](#) being sponsored by the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Meeting- Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 11:30am at Hornet Park Community Center. Mayor Buckley will be giving the State of the City address.

Community Fair Event- Saturday, March 12th, 2016 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Central Elementary. Franciscan/St Francis will be offering screenings and info for, cholesterol, blood pressure, and sleep apnea. Immunizations will be offered (\$5). Center of Hope and Senior Promise information will be available. Additional screenings include, body fat analysis, squat assessment, hearing, body composition, nervous system stress and massage. Beech Grove Fire Dept. will participate as well as the Pacers Fan Van.

Golf Outing- June 17th at Sarah Shank Golf Course. It is one of the biggest fundraisers for the chamber.

Music on Main Street- Sunday, August 7th, 2016. Time and music groups to be announced.

Pam Stallard- gave suggestions on old police techniques that might be helpful when answering calls on crimes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Council- *presented by Liz Walters, Principal, Beech Grove High School*

Liz introduced a sophomore student who gave a report on the happenings at Beech Grove High School.

-the Great Gasby will be the spring play.

- the state released that Beech Grove High School received a letter grade of B; which is measured on college and career readiness, graduation rate and performance in English and math and they will be working toward an "A".

-students are appreciative and pleased with the community partnership that the school shares with the police department.

The school has resource officers and also the police have a rotating shift with the middle school.

Greenscape Commission- report on file

RDC- report on file.

ABC- *presented by Ashley Piland*

Two licenses were approved at the Marion County Alcohol Commission Meeting. They were Marsh Supermarket and Napoli Villa.

Financial Report: - *presented by Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan*

Annual Financial Report:

We just completed the closing on the Tax Anticipation Warrant. We continue to reduce the amount we borrow each year. For the 2016 year the interest rate is 1.15% and the amount we are borrowing for the General Fund is \$1, 449,038.00 and \$30,556.00 for the Police Pension Fund. The total borrowed on the TAW for 2015 was 1,796,564.00. For the year 2016 the total is \$1,496,609.00; which represents a decrease of approximately \$300,000.00.

We finished 2015 with a balance in our corporate bank account of \$2,882,256.73. That is an increase over 2014 of over \$178,000.00.

We obtained a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of a four new police cars and we once again used the HELP program through the Indiana Bond Bank. With the HELP program the Indiana Bond Bank performs the bidding process and provides us with the results at no additional cost to the municipalities. The interest rate is 2.275%. The payments are \$12, 729.00 semiannually and are due in March and September. We financed it for five years.

We also obtained a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of the senior bus. The interest rate is 2.40%. The payments are \$5,630.98 semiannually and are due in June and December. We financed it for five years.

All our lease/purchase agreements on equipment are financed for 5 years.

We refinanced the 2005A Revenue Bond for Sewage Works; which resulted in a savings of approximately \$70,000.00. This is still financed through 2025, but we now have a debt reserve account set up in Huntington Bank in the amount \$64,115.75 and it is tracked through Keystone.

We have a \$2-million-dollar bond that was financed for a period of 10 years.

We have 1 bond from 2004 that was financed for 20 years and we continue to pay on that. The SRF Loan was originally for approximately \$1.8 million. We have a debt reserve set up in the Bank of New York Mellon in the amount of \$136,178.37. This is also tracked in Keystone.

The RDC continues to pay on their 2005 and 2007 bonds. In 2015 the property tax revenue they netted was \$69,536.67; which was because the appeal was lost and \$656,728.09 was deducted from their spring property tax distribution and bank account.

The Annual Report for 2015 has been completed and entered on the Indiana Gateway and the City Website it is available on the website- [Annual Report](#).

We now have a Capital Assets inventory that is kept updated and is included on the Gateway and the City Website.

The “Indiana Gateway”; which was established to promote the “Open Door Law” has grown each year. The first year for the Gateway was in 2012. The Gateway includes the Annual Report (from Keystone, our accounting program), the municipality questionnaire, enterprise questionnaire, public officials information questionnaire, department questionnaire, capital assets, grants, debt, leases, pensions, accounts payables and receivables, and new this year, an upload for public official’s bonds, and a risk assessment report that includes an upload for the salary ordinance and a form to complete on city/sewer projects; which includes the name of each project, the company who won the winning bid and the amount of the winning bid. I am convinced that within the next year or two it will be required to upload the contracts; it is optional at this point.

We have invested approximately \$2.1 million dollars in paving projects over the past 4 years (this does not include the Main Street Project) and over \$800,000.00 in sewer projects. The past two years we created an appropriation for sidewalks and have budgeted \$50,000.00 each year for sidewalk improvements.

We paid cash in 2015 for an ambulance, a Senior Citizens Center car, and a leaf machine. We also paid approximately \$200,000.00 cash for a deposit toward a new fire truck.

All full time employees received a 2% raise.

We have continued to retain Jeff Peters as financial consultant for the city. He has been the financial consultant since 2004. While my office continues to use Jeff’s services, it is minimal. Most our questions are fielded through the DLGF or SBOA; which are services that are offered at no charge. All the annual reporting and the majority of the budget is completed in the Clerk-Treasurers Office. We monitor the appropriations and revenues monthly, to insure we are on track and not overspending.

To summarize, the city is in very good financial shape.

The Clerk-Treasurer’s office continues to fill public information requests without bias or discrimination and in accordance with the law. We currently have 2 full time Clerks and 2 part-time Clerks employed in the office. While the Clerk-Treasurer position is an elected position the Clerks positions are not.

Our City Website; which was built by a few volunteers and myself continues to grow and is packed full of information. It is the promise I made to the Citizens of Beech Grove to provide them with open, honest government. Our website volunteers continue to volunteer their services and we thank them for their service to our community.

To date the website has cost the taxpayers zero dollars because it is staffed by volunteers and a local business continues to pay the annual fees. The website has received praise from Mayor’s and Clerk Treasurer’s and professionals across the state, as well as Auditors from the State Board of Accounts.

I have attached the bank balances for January and the Debt Schedule for 2016. Both are available on the website. The past four years are also available on the website for your review. They can be found under [archived documents](#).

The [Bank Balances](#) are listed below:

City Corporation	\$3,623,569.15
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$793,854.63
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$278,746.68
City Court	\$53,230.00
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$434,727.42
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$184,192.22
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$584,842.97
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,178.37
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,115.75

The [2016 Debt Schedule](#) is listed below:

2016 DEBT SCHEDULE	PRINCIPAL		PAYMENT	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	YEARLY
CITY OF BEECH GROVE	OUT- STANDING		DUE	PAYMENT	PAYMENT	TOTAL
2012 GO BOND	\$1,495,000.00	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$95,000.00	\$13,294.00	\$108,294.00
(AUTO DEDUCT)	\$1,400,000.00	REGIONS	JULY	\$95,000.00	\$12,700.00	\$107,700.00
2016 TAX ANTICIPATION		GENERAL	JUNE	1.15%	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00
WARRANT (TAW)		GENERAL	DECEMBER	1.15%	\$899,000.00	\$899,000.00
						\$1,449,000.00
2016 TAX ANTICIPATION		POLICE PENSION	JUNE	1.15%	\$15,278.00	\$15,278.00
WARRANT (TAW)		POLICE PENSION	DECEMBER	1.15%	\$15,278.00	\$15,278.00
						\$30,556.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2016 TAW		IN BOND BANK				\$1,479,556.00
2013/LEASE PURCHASE	\$65,990.72	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$905.53	\$12,751.42	\$13,656.95
(FIRE VEHICLES)	\$53,092.66	REGIONS	JULY	\$758.89	\$12,898.06	\$13,656.95
(AUTO DEDUCT)						
2013/LEASE PURCHASE	\$64,529.76	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$885.49	\$12,469.11	\$13,354.60
(POLICE VEHICLES)	\$51,917.25	REGIONS	JULY	\$742.09	\$12,612.51	\$13,354.60
(AUTO DEDUCT)						
2015/LEASE PURCHASE	\$101,833.00	US BANCORP	MARCH	\$1,917.00	\$10,812.00	\$12,729.00
(POLICE VEHICLES)	\$89,104.00	US BANCORP	SEPTEMBER	\$1,306.00	\$11,423.00	\$12,729.00
(AUTO DEDUCT)						
2015/LEASE PURCHASE	\$50,678.82	CROSSROADS	JUNE	\$575.91	\$5,055.07	\$5,630.98
(SENIOR CENTER BUS)	\$45,047.84	CROSSROADS	DECEMBER	\$514.95	\$5,116.03	\$5,630.98
(MANUAL PAYMENT)						
2014/LEASE PURCHASE	\$ 45,444.96	REGIONS	APRIL	\$627.25	\$7,265.48	\$7,892.73
SKID STEER	\$ 38,093.02	REGIONS	OCTOBER	540.80	7,351.94	\$7,892.73
BEECH GROVE SEWAGE/WASTEWATER						
2012/LEASE PURCHASE	\$112,123.00	REGIONS	FEBRUARY	\$1,579.00	\$36,659.00	\$38,238.00
(TRASH TRUCKS)	\$75,276.00	REGIONS	AUGUST	\$1,191.00	\$37,047.00	\$38,238.00
(AUTO DEDUCT)						
2005A SEWAGE WORKS	RETIRED					
REVENUE BOND (RETIRED)						
(MANUAL PAYMENT) RETIRED 3/26/2015						

2016 DEBT SCHEDULE	PRINCIPAL		PAYMENT	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	YEARLY
CITY OF BEECH GROVE	OUT- STANDING		DUE	PAYMENT	PAYMENT	TOTAL
2015 "A" SEWAGE WORKS	\$622,454.26	HUNTINGTON	JANUARY	\$11,944.19		\$11,944.19
SPECIAL REFUNDING PROGRAM	\$607,972.30	HUNTINGTON	JULY	\$11,944.00	\$2,537.97	\$14,481.97
2004 STATE REVOLVING	\$1,033,968.00	BANK OF NY MELLON	JAN-DEC	\$4,028.29	\$7,320.00	
FUND PROGRAM	\$984,956.00	BANK OF NY MELLON	MONTHLY	\$48,339.48	\$87,840.00	\$136,179.48
(MANUAL PAYMENT)			X12			
REVELOPMENT COMMISSION						
2007 SERIES TIF BOND	\$1,987,585.00	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$41,881	\$100,000.00	\$141,881
(AUTO DEDUCT)	\$1,847,954.00	REGIONS	JULY	\$39,631	\$100,000.00	\$139,631
2005 SERIES TIF BOND	\$1,385,128.00	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$31,347.00	\$110,000.00	\$141,347.00
(AUTO DEDUCT)	\$1,246,289.00	REGIONS	JULY	\$28,839.00	\$110,000.00	\$138,839.00

As always, my door is open if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or stop by.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

Councilor Lamping asked Clerk-Treasurer McMillan if the monthly financial report on the city has to be so much. He explained that it is the annual report for all of 2015 and normally does not include so much detail and is normally only a page to page and a half long.

Councilor Templin commented that the \$70,000.00 savings that was achieved when refinancing the 2015 A Sewage Works Bond, is a real benefit to the community. He also commented that Jeff Peters has worked for the city since 2004 and worked for three different administrations and offers good advice. The website is a good place to get information as well as the newly created City of Beech Grove facebook page.

Compliance Report- *presented by Derek Blice*

-667 addresses received violations

-1480 inspections were completed

-79% of violations were resolved after first notices and 98% were resolved after second notices. Only 25 summons were issued last year

-several hundred signs were removed from right-a-ways, advertising garage sales and jobs

-approximately 70 abandoned vehicles were reported to the police department

-worked with the building commissioners to assist with inspecting for proper permits and licensing. Several dozen contractors performing services in Beech Grove were found to not have proper permits, licensing and bonding. All but one complied and that one contractor was issued two citations.

-105 vacant homes were monitored and that list is shared with the police and fire departments
-they spoke with several dozen solicitors and they were asked to leave the city and all complied. No repeat offenders have been identified.
– a new compliance officer was hired and his name is Mark Rihm. He is a retired IFD Captain from Station # 15.

Public Safety Reports-presented by Police Chief Mark Swartz and Fire Chief Rob Cheshire

Police Chief Swartz- a school crossing guard was hit by a vehicle. She suffered minor injuries, but she is back to work.

The POA's are working the lobby at the police station. They are part-time and most of the hours are covered. The hours are 4:00pm to 12:00pm M-F and Saturday & Sunday is 12:00pm to 8:00pm.

The drug box in the police lobby is receiving drugs. As of today Chief Swartz reported he has taken in 82 pounds. Those will be destroyed by Covanta.

They ordered 5 new police vehicles. 3 will be paid for by the Public Safety Tax and the other 2 vehicles and any additional equipment installed on the cars will be paid for by the Criminal Investigation Fund.

The parameter fence at the police station is almost complete. They are currently working on the entry gates and hopefully they will be completed by tomorrow.

Officer Frankel has been released to the road out of the FTO program and he will be on probation for the remainder of the year.

Officer Parker continues to work at the schools as a resource officer and is assisted by other officers part-time.

The police were involved in a short vehicle pursuit of a stolen vehicle. The driver got out and ran and was apprehended without any injury to himself or anyone else.

Chief Swartz reminded everyone to be smart about what they carry in their cars and hide or remove valuables, to assist with preventing thefts.

Councilor Templin asked who the name of the other police officer is who will be graduating soon. Chief Swartz said his name is White, the second White. Councilor Templin asked if Parkview has security. Chief Swartz said, they do hire security, but he doesn't know what the situation is.

Fire Chief Cheshire- reported that they have been extremely busy with over 339 EMS runs in January.

Engine #57 had maintenance issues that was over \$3,000.00 in costs and Engine #58 had maintenance/repairs that were over \$4,000.00. They also had part of the system go out at Station #57 that removes the carcinogenic and toxic fumes from the station.

They continue CPR classes at Hornet Park and they had five people attend. They are also getting ready to start a community CPR class at the Beech Grove Middle School.

Operations Fire Chief Jim Pierce- reported on a Firestone Grant/Award that they received; which replaced two gas monitoring devices that they utilize on their fire engines.

The department also received a Firehouse Subs Grant/Award to replace the aging golf cart/ATV with a new one that is especially fitted to reach people in off the road emergencies/special events. The grant was just under \$20,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 1, 2016

...Redevelopment Commission Appointments

Councilor Templin commented that he was able to meet with the RDC members and was pleased with the outcome. Councilor Duffer remarked that he was able to meet with Donald Webb and found him to be an intelligent man and he believes he is doing a fine job and he believes the RDC to be in good hands. Councilor Lamping said, that she attended the RDC meeting and she was very excited with the energy and togetherness and brainstorming they do. She thinks that the city is in good hands.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by a 7 to 0 vote.

General Ordinance No. 1, 2016

...Ambulance Rate Adjustments

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Templin moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.1, 2016 was approved on Second Reading.

General Ordinance No. 2, 2016

...Food Vehicle and Food Cart Licensing

Councilor Duffer moved to read by Title only. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk- Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 2, 2016 was approved on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks System Fees Approval for 2016

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the schedule of fees into the record.

Councilor Templin asked if the fees were approved by the Parks Board. Councilor Harrison asked if it was yearly. Mayor Buckley said, per membership. Councilor Brooks asked if it is yearly. Mayor Buckley said, yes.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the fees. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Park System Fees for 2016 were approved.

Nepotism Certificates- *presented by Clerk-Treasurer McMillan*

Councilor Duffer asked why this is being done. Clerk-Treasurer McMillan explained that this is mandated by SBOA. Mayor Buckley commented that this is new and Councilors are required, because of the possibility that they could have to approve the hiring of someone. All employees and elected officials that are in the direct chain of command or could possibly be responsible for approval of someone in the hiring process are required to sign the nepotism certificates. The following people submitted nepotism certificates for approval this evening: Carla McKee, Mark Swartz, Brad Meriwether, Robert Cheshire, Chris Harrison, Craig Wiley, Sandy Seward, Elizabeth Lamping, Kevin Day, Jim Brooks, Ed Bell, Dennis Buckley, David Harrison, Dan McMillan, Chris Duffer, Bud Templin, Tom Hannon and Andrew Wells.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the nepotism certificates. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Nepotism Certificates for 2016 were approved.

Resolution No. 4, 2016

...Main Street Loan Program

Councilor Harrison read the resolution into the record.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan explained that the current remaining balance of the Main Street Loan Balance will be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund; which monies from that fund cannot be used without approval from Council. There are still several businesses with outstanding balances that are continuing to make payments and those funds will be deposited into a separate fund, possibly named "Main Street Loan Payments". Once the program is completed and all payments are finished that fund can be closed and that money also transferred into the Rainy Day Fund.

Attorney Craig Wiley stated that there is nothing illegal in doing this.

Councilor Harrison commented that he is aware that some Councilors have been approached about keeping this program. Councilor Harrison conducted an investigation two years ago regarding the Main Street Loan issue and discovered that it is not a practice conducted by most cities. He interviewed 12 to 15 cities. Most laughed. Greensburg, IN tried it and they lost money out the Wazoo and quit it. and stated that cities should not be in the business of loaning money. The man also suggested that businesses use the Main Street loan program that the state offers. Brownsburg is the only city he found that has a program and they only loan \$4,000.00. Greenwood, Sullivan and the others do not offer the program.

City Attorney Craig Wiley explained the city's position and the fact that the city cannot collect on these bad loans. The city has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars on this program, because typically the bank is the first lien holder, so the judgements are useless.

Councilor Duffer agreed with the Clerk-Treasurer and City Attorney, that these loans are virtually impossible to collect on when they default. For the time he was Clerk-Treasurer he had two that defaulted for \$40,000.00 each and they had the same loans through the bank; which the bank was first in line to recoup their losses and the business didn't even own the real estate. Councilor Duffer commented that he heard from three constituents and he is a Representative, and not on the Council to vote for what he likes himself, so he takes their opinions seriously and of the three he heard from two wanted to see the program end and one did not.

Councilor Lamping commented that the email she received they indicated they thought a committee should be formed and research done, but most council members felt like the leg work has been done.

Councilor Templin asked that all references to "ordained" be amended to read "resolved".

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 4, 2016 was approved.

Resolution No. 5, 2016

...Main Street Loan Program (new balance)

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

Councilor Templin asked that all references to “ordained” be amended to read “resolved”.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 5, 2016 was approved.

Resolution No. 6, 2016

...CCD Fund

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Buckley commented that the resolution calls for the money to be redirected into the Rainy Day Fund, but Council can amend the resolution and redirect the money elsewhere other than the Rainy Day Fund if they choose.

Councilor Templin asked that all references to “ordained” be amended to read “resolved”.

Councilor Templin agreed with moving the money into the Rainy Day Fund, as did other Councilors.

Councilor Templin moved to approve the resolution and transfer the money into the Rainy Day Fund. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance No. 3, 2016

...*Abandoned Vehicles*

Councilor Templin moved to read by Title only. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Derek Blice explained the ordinance as it applies to compliance. In many other cities compliance has the authority to tag abandon vehicles and this ordinance would virtually do the same for compliance in Beech Grove. Councilor Lamping inquired about the six cars that are not plated behind a garage at Second & Main and Derek explained the law to her.

Councilor Templin commented that he thinks it’s great that compliance wants to take on more responsibility and assist the police. Councilor Duffer asked about page 2 and it reads *...more than 48 hours* and Indiana Code reads *...more than 24 hours*. Councilor Duffer asked why we would give them more time than Indiana Code. Councilor Duffer stated that he would not want someone to have 48 hours, he thinks 24 hours is too long.

Councilor Duffer moved to amend from 48 to 24 hours. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Brooks remarked that if someone parked in his driveway, he does have a right to have it tow. Councilor Harrison said, yes, but he would have to pay for it. Councilor Templin commented that when he was communications officer for the City of Beech Grove, if the resident could find a wrecker service to tow it to a lot they could do that and then it would be the responsibility of the lot to notify the car owner to retrieve their money for the towing service.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 3, 2016 was approved on First Reading.

General Ordinance No. 4, 2016

...Pawn Shops

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Chief Swartz spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Councilor Duffer commented that on page two it states “transactions to an online investigation and retail tracking system” so he questioned if that system already exist? Chief Swartz said, yes it does. Councilor Brooks commented that when you sell gold or silver to jewelry stores, do they have to do the same thing/ Chief Swartz said, yes and a photograph is taken of the driver’s license and person.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan commented that in conjunction with Marion County pawn shop sweeps have been conducted in Beech Grove and minor violations have been found. Police officers, compliance and himself have participated with them. They are organized by Marion County and it is an effort to ensure that they are conducting business legally.

Councilor Templin recommended adding a business with a “physical” location to Chapter 115, as it states” peddlers and solicitors” now.

Mayor Buckley commented that the \$320.00 license fee is the same as Indianapolis.

Councilor Duffer asked to correct page 2, Chapter 115, section number 115.38 to 115.39 and 115.40.and for Section 115.38b on page two to read "Pro-rated fees shall be calculated by the month if the person or business starts up during the course of the first year with no refunds." It currently reads “can” instead of shall’ and he would like to see it spelled out “shall be calculated, by the month”, with no refunds.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the amendment. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Templin moved to approve the amended ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 4, 2016 was approved on First Reading with the amendment.

General Ordinance No. 5, 2016

...Trash Collection

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Brad Meriwether, DPW Director, gave a brief presentation and description of what they are trying to accomplish with this ordinance. Keeping employees safe, keeping animals out of the trash and forcing people to keep their trash in the totes.

Councilor Lamping commented that maybe it will need to go further, to have a specific process that is used when needles are sighted.

Councilor Brooks voiced his concern of what will happen if there is extra trash from Christmas. Brad said, that there will be a grace period and if the customer calls in they will be provided an additional trash can at no cost.

Councilor Lamping suggested that maybe they could use the recycle containers for the additional cardboard or recyclable items.

Council Harrison commented that they put more into the recycle can than they do trash.

Councilor Duffer commented that Beech Grove has always had a remarkable trash pick-up program, and he wondered how that would affect people wo do spring cleaning and put out trash. Brad explained that it would be covered under heavy trash pick-up.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 5, 2016 was approved on First Reading with the amendment.

Councilor Templin- thanked everyone who stood up and voiced their thoughts and concerns during “public comments”. It is their time to speak, and the council is listening. Also, thank you to the department heads for their reports. He also recognized the newly formed City of Beech Grove facebook page. That page and the website are good sources of information for the citizens. He also mentioned an article the Mayor had written regarding DPW. It is a reminder of the good things they do daily, not just when they’re plowing snow. I don’t know how they do it all, but thank you to Brad and all employees of DPW, good job. After tonight’s vote to end the Main Street Loan program and transfer the money to the Rainy Day Fund, that Fund will have a balance of over \$400,000.00 and I think that’s a good thing.

Councilor Brooks- thanked everyone for coming. Southeast Relay for Life Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, February 6, 2016 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Councilor Harrison- Little League sign-ups were last weekend and this weekend and volunteers are needed to coach. He is glad to see the Main Street Loan Program come to an end.

Councilor Bell- discussed an ordinance that was approved some time ago about getting addresses put on the back of the homes and the superintendent is interested in incorporating this into their community service.

Councilor Lamping- thanked the Council for approving the RDC members. She is so pleased that they were approved. Also, if council members can assist the police with issues facing Parkview Apartments they will help. She knows it is difficult when the police constantly have people calling with complaints and then they get there and they say everything is fine, that is frustrating.

Councilor Duffer- thanked everyone for speaking up tonight regarding the issues at Parkview Apartments. He knows what a difficult thing that is to do to stand before this council and speak out as citizens. He would like to work with the Mayor and Police to see what they could do to help and let the people know they do hear them and they do care.

Councilor Day- thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the people who spoke up this evening with their concerns.

Mayor Buckley announced that the Council will hold a special meeting open to the public regarding the concerns of the sick days. Mayor Buckley has instructed the city attorney to conduct an investigation regarding this matter. The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 7:00pm. The city attorney will report to the council.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Bell moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 1st, 2015 at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan