

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2018**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Liz Lamping, Dave Harrison, Vito Mascari, Chris Duffer and Kevin Day. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Absent, Jim Brooks.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

City Court Annual Report - Judge Andrew Wells

Judge Wells reported on the finances of the City Court and he reported that they are staffed well. They have almost completed the move to implementation of E-filing and we will be completed by April. We are only the third city court to do this.

IPL Street Lights

Councilor Lamping moved to proceed with the conversion of lighting with IPL. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Lamping requested the minutes be amended, under her comments to read, Congratulations to Jim Coffman, big name, Southside Times Person of the Year. Well-deserved, Jim works behind the scenes in so many ways uniting our Main Street businesses, so they work together making good progress for the City of Beech Grove.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the amendment to the minutes. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by a 5-1 vote. Councilor Harrison voted no.

Councilor Mascari moved to approve the minutes with the amendment. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by a 5-1 voice vote. Councilor Harrison voted no.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Coffman, Chamber of Commerce President – The chamber is still looking for an Executive Director.

State of the City Address/ Mayor Buckley - Thursday, February 8th from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Hornet Park Community Center. Franciscan Health is the sponsor of the luncheon and lunch will be catered by the Stacked Pickle.

3rd Annual Community Health Fair/Saturday, March 10, 2018/Beech Grove Middle School- Free Health Screenings and Beech Grove Fire & Police will be there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayors Youth Council:

Principal, Liz Walters reported on the happenings of the High School.

The Robotics Team is making a comeback. They have had their best showing in the past 3 years they advance to the second round in their most recent VEX Event.

They are either in the process or headed into sectionals. The girls lost to a heartbreaker at Manual on Saturday, but they are looking forward to sending their wrestlers and boys basketball into sectionals.

Saturday, February 10th -2:30pm- Champions Together Inclusion Event – also Senior night and the varsity game will start at 2:30pm.

Thursday – Saturday February 15th -17th 7:00pm – they will be presenting The Diary of Anne Frank.

Mr. Gearhart and Diana Hendricks and myself met, and Diana is doing the Coalition Grant and we are hoping to put in a Prevention Matters grant with that.

Big changes in education - the Graduation Pathways that we are beginning to navigate and accountability that will be different – we will receive a federal grade that may or may not be different than the state grade. We hope to transition community service to provide opportunities to the students to expose them to business ventures that they might not otherwise have access to.

Team Court, our students are the jurors and we will be hosting an attorney training within the next couple of weeks and that program is getting up and running.

ABC: In the Council packet

Greenscape Commission: In the Council packet.

Compliance Division: In the Council Packet

Public Safety: In the Council packet

Financial - presented by Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan

In January we made the following bond and lease payments:

2012 Bond Payment \$110,887.50

2013 Police Car Lease \$13,354.60

2013 Fire Vehicles \$13,656.95

2016 RDC Refunding Bond \$248,520.00

The stormwater fund as of 1/31/2018 had a balance of \$187,684.12

We filed 225 lien releases for the last half of 2017. Lien releases are kept up to date.

We rolled over from 2017 to 2018 and the annual report will be advertised in the Indy Star per state statute. The 100R was completed on the gateway as well as the debt management report.

I am continuing to work on the Gateway to complete it before the deadline.

As you are all aware we did not acquire a tax anticipation bond this year. As of January 31, 2018, without this bond we still had a balance in the corporate account of \$3,579,254.47

On January 31, 2012 we had a balance in the corporate account of \$2,522,938.71 and that was after having a tax anticipation bond deposit of \$2, 375,191.10

Community events can be added free of charge by emailing me at dan.mcmillan@beechgrove.com

Thanks to the website volunteers who continue to keep it updated at no cost to the taxpayers. Financial Reports, Debt Service,

Bank Balances and more can be found on the City Website at www.beechgrove.com.

The bank balances are listed below:

City Corporation	\$3,579,254.47
Utilities	856,004.63
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF)	\$162,079.69
RDC General	\$314, 865.64
RDC Debt Service (DSR)	\$240,000.00
2004 SRF Debt Service (DSR)	\$137,263.71
2015A Refunding Bond Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$64,045.36

As always, if you have any questions my door is always open. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

Redevelopment Commission Appointment

Councilor Duffer read a letter from Tara Wolfe; she would like to be considered for nomination as a Commissioner on the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilor Duffer nominated Tara Wolfe to serve on the Redevelopment Commission.
Councilor Harrison seconded the motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance No.11, 2017

... Amends General Ordinance No. 8, 2017 Concerning Salaries

General ordinance No.11, 2017 was withdrawn.

Councilor Templin moved to withdraw the ordinance. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance No.12, 2017

*...Establishing the Beech Grove Parks and Recreation Departments
Non-Reverting Operating Fund*

Councilor Duffer 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.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance on Third and Final Reading. Councilor Mascari seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.12, 2017 was approved on Third and Final Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 1, 2018

...Amends Chapter 50 of the Code of ordinances, Pursuant to Stormwater Fees

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the ordinance on First Reading. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.1, 2018 was approved on First Reading.

General Ordinance No.2, 2018

...Amends Chapter 100 of the Code of ordinances, Pursuant to Local Road and Sidewalk Improvements

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance on First Reading. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.2, 2018 was approved on First Reading.

Fire Department Ambulance Billing Request

Chief Cheshire reported on rates and discounts for ambulance service and the Council discussed the options.

Main Street Planning Grant Update – OCRA

Mayor Buckley reported that the Council had approved funding for 12 businesses, but 19 businesses have requested to be included, so it is up to the Council to decide if they want fund an additional 7 businesses.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Templin: I would like to thank the Judge for his report. It is good news to hear how well the court has done. There was a time when we were concerned if the court could continue financially. We are fortunate to have small government, because we can see it and touch it, whether you think we need a new ambulance or not, you can see it and touch it and see where your money is going. I would like to state Beech Grove is a great city, my grandparents wouldn't move from Beech Grove for any reason the city has great services, the street, fire and police are good departments. We need to take ownership of our community. Lastly, I would like to raise the bidding process from \$10,000.00 to a higher dollar amount, maybe \$20,000.00

Councilor Brooks: Absent

Councilor Harrison: I was at my mothers in Greenfield and seen her trash bill for three months and it was \$60.00 her rates were more than Beech Grove. She has one bag of trash. John Jennings used to give us updates on Beech Grove sports, so I am giving the update tonight. I have been to several games and they are fun to watch they beat New Castle by 10 points. I saw Mark Swartz at the game and he said he has worked games since the 80's with little trouble and what happens they have an incident with a New Castle fan that was handled properly. Varsity team is 14-4, J-V is undefeated, and the freshman team is 18-1. My grandson is on the robotics team they had hardly won anything, they had finished 37th out of 39th the previous season and have come back to coming in second. There are very sophisticated projects.

Councilor Mascari: A letter was brought up to me by Jim Coffman and was written by Tess and Uriah Ellis concerning the permit process. Councilor Mascari read the letter.

Councilor Lamping: I am one of these people who had a problem with the permit process. Thanks for passing the non-reverting parks fund, it will be beneficial to the parks department, including the community center. They all do good work, thanks for everything they do for us and the community.

Councilor Duffer: Congratulations to Tara Wolfe our newest RDC member.

Councilor Day: Thanks for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duffer moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm. The next meeting will be Monday, February 5th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer