

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018**

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

ROLL CALL

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vietnam War Recognition

Councilor Lamping read a proclamation that was created by past President Barack Obama commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The commemoration began in 2012 and will continue for 13 years.

INDOT Presentation – Hoosier State

Brittney White, program manager for Hoosier State, gave an update on the Hoosier State. They are now running approximately 27 minutes early. It leaves Indianapolis at 6:00am and arrives in Chicago at 10:00am and returns to Indy at 5:45pm. They are hoping to increase service to 7 days per week.

Arvin Olsen, Transportation Chairman for Lafayette Commerce, gave an update. He reported that there is a possibility of creating a train depot in Beech Grove in the future. They are suggesting that the City of Beech Grove pay \$250.00 per month to make them a full-fledged voting partner working with other communities to move the Hoosier State Line forward. It opens many opportunities for the City of Beech Grove. There was extensive discussion between the Council and Mr. Olsen and a lot of information was provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the June 4th, 2018 minutes with an amendment to include Councilor Day's last name. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Stallard commented that she has had difficulty attaining information on the RDC from Mr. Webb. She also said that she has had trouble with city ordinances and she believes that the citizens' rights are being lessened and overpowered by the Beech Grove ordinances. She has received a violation of one of the ordinances and she will fight it. She also spoke in opposition to the fine and violation given to the citizen who owned the python that got away.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Youth Council: None

ABC: None

Greenscape Commission: In the Council Packet

Compliance Division: None

Public Safety: In the Council Packet

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

Beech Grove City Council
Dennis Buckley, Mayor
Craig Wiley City Attorney

In June we made the following payments:

2015A Revenue Bond - \$35, 079.40
Balance remaining approximately - \$463, 927.00

Senior Bus Lease/Purchase Payment- \$5,630.98
Balance remaining approximately -\$21, 861.00

The balance in the Stormwater Fund as of 6/30/2018 was \$295, 937.98

I have included the Form 22 showing our spring property tax distribution. It is interesting to note the property tax for the General Fund was up approximately \$141, 000.00 from spring of last year and the property tax for the RDC was up approximately \$50,000.00.

As everyone is aware we did not take a tax anticipation warrant out this year, something I continue to be very happy about and we have done fine. We ended May with a balance in the corporate account of approximately \$1,781,000.00.

The City Website continues to grow and is a great asset to the citizens. It is a valuable resource to many. It still has not cost the taxpayers one penny since its inception.

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	\$4,344,327.59
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$1,292,659.95
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$152,278.47
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$738,535.29
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$240,000.00
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$137,981.36

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

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

OLD BUSINESS

General Ordinance No.8, 2018

...Amends Chapter 73 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Concerning Seasonal Outdoor Seating and Business Displays on Main Street from Emerson Avenue, West to 8th Avenue

Councilor Duffer moved to amend to read, “businesses who desire to serve alcoholic beverages outside are recommended to investigate whether or not their alcoholic beverage permit may be compromised before providing outdoor seating”. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 8, 2018 was approved on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No.9, 2018

...Amends Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Concerning Permit Fees for Commercial Buildings

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Day voted no. General Ordinance No.9, 2018 was approved on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 10, 2018

..Amends Chapter 35 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Concerning the Beech Grove Public Library Appointment to the Parks Board

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

Councilor Templin moved to amend the ordinance to remove subsection D and amend subsection A to include the residency specification that the member must reside in Beech Grove. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.10, 2018 was approved on Third and Final Reading with the amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

General Ordinance No. 11, 2018

...An Ordinance that Deletes Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Concerning False Alarms

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 11, 2018 was approved on First Reading.

General Ordinance No.12, 2018

...Amends Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove City Policies

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 12, 2018 was approved on First Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Templin: He appreciates the friend that the Mayor is to Amtrak and public transportation. He thinks they need to look at who they are extending lowering permit fees to. He appreciates seeing the police department seeking new applicants and to the Mayor and Dan paying cash for vehicles especially he thinks is historic for the City of Beech Grove.

Councilor Brooks: He thanked everyone for showing up and thanked everyone for showing up for Relay for Life. The goal was to make \$46,000 and the made over \$52,000. Thanks to everyone that came and supported them. He also thinks that Dan and Dennis are doing a great job.

Councilor Harrison: Thanked everyone for coming.

Councilor Mascari: Absent

Councilor Lamping: Thanked everyone for coming and stated, "we should all care, I know I do".

Councilor Duffer: No comment

Councilor Day: Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Buckley

Tomorrow, July 3rd is the fireworks.

In the Council packet is a notice from the Indiana Department of Environmental management concerning the Greenway.

A Special Council Meeting will be held on July 16, 2018 following the Board of Works meeting at 7:00pm. I will introduce the new housing code ordinance. No action will be taken, but it will appear on the agenda for the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. The next meeting will be Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer