

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
2019 BUDGET  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 2018**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Jim Brooks, Dave Harrison, Vito Mascari, Elizabeth Lamping, Kevin Day and Chris Duffer. 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.

**2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Comments**

Susie McMillan-spoke in favor of the budget and in opposition to adding \$1,500.00 per officer because she does not believe it is funded in the budget.

Scott Williams, Represents Local #416- spoke to how difficult it is for small municipalities to continue with their own public safety. He also stated that the meal pay for IFD is put into the retirement fund for health insurance. He also spoke to the contract and what the city has promised the firefighter union.

Mayor Buckley closed the Public Hearing and continued with the Council Meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Budget 2019**

**[General Ordinance No.16, 2018](#)**

*...2018 Civil City Budget Appropriations and Tax Rate*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.16 was approved on First reading.

**General Ordinance No.15, 2018**

*...2019 Salary Ordinance*

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

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Mascari moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by 5-2 voice vote. Councilors Duffer and Templin voted no. General Ordinance No.15 was approved on First Reading.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Buddy Templin** – he has no problem with fire and police getting raises. He thinks Beech Grove is like other cities and we must be responsible. He also believes in keeping Beech Grove an independent city. He doesn't want to give up, he wants Beech Grove to stay strong and stay independent.

**Jim Brooks** - he is a little bias and he knows fire and police that have moved on for better salary and pension base. We have a good fire and police departments. He believes we need to do whatever it takes to keep fire and police in our city.

**Dave Harrison** – he commented that it is our responsibility to get the departments the equipment they need and the salaries they need. He would get them whatever equipment he could if it were possible and build them a station if possible.

**Vito Mascari** – no comment

**Elizabeth Lamping** – thanked everyone and she appreciates that they acknowledged that it is a good salary ordinance and budget and she appreciates everything they do for us to keep our city safe and sound.

**Chris Duffer** -no comment

**Kevin Day** – thanks to everyone who spoke and thanks to the fire and police for everything they do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm. The Next meeting will be on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer