

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Dave Mobley, Dave Harrison, Ed Bell, Mary Stewart and Kathy Coates. Also present, Mayor, Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan, and City Attorney, Craig Wiley. Absent Anthony Davidson

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Buckley presented the Fire Department with a Proclamation, proclaiming the week of October 4th, 2015 through October 10th, 2015 [Fire Prevention Week](#) in the City of Beech Grove. Chief Cheshire thanked Mayor Buckley and the Council for the Proclamation and their continuing support of Beech Grove Fire Department. Chief commented that they will be out this week in the Beech Grove City Schools this week discussing fire prevention. He also advised everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors to make sure they are working. The Beech Grove Fire Department, in partnership with the Lions Club and Citizens Energy, will come to your home in Beech Grove and install a smoke detector free of charge.

Beech Grove High School Principal Liz Walters – introduced herself. Liz is a graduate of Yale and she comes from three years of an English Classroom and eight years of administrative experience. She brought a student with her, Bishop Smith, who gave a brief report on BGHS Happenings, including chrome books, FFA and the Garden Club. Liz reported on the opening ceremony for the Performing Arts Center; which will take place Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at 6:30pm. She also reported on the renovation of the HVAC system. Liz discussed briefly the security the high school now has in place. All doors are locked. They also have school security and parents must check in before entering.

MAYOR BALLARD'S LIASON REPORT: *presented by Kelly Foulk*

Kelly presented the following upcoming events. She also commented that many changes are taking places in the City of Indianapolis Administration positions in preparation of the up the upcoming elections.

[Increase in Stormwater Rates for Indianapolis](#)- Information available accessing this link.

[Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce](#) – Thursday, October 8, 2015 the Chamber will host a networking breakfast. Also, they will also be hosting an event [“All That Jazz”](#) on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5:30 to 9:00pm at Primo Banquet Hall.

[Pack Away Hunger](#) – will be holding an event on October 21st. You can sign up for 2 different shifts [6:00pm](#) or [7:28pm](#) and each shift will pack 200 meals.

INDOT- is hiring 50 local people and they will be holding a job fair on, October 17th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at 7105 Brookville Road

[Indy Parks Comprehensive Plan Meetings](#)- October 6th and 7th more information is available by accessing the link.

[Neighborhood Power Conference](#)- Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at Marian University.

[Veterans Job Fair](#) – October 13, 2015 964 North Pennsylvania

[Blue Indy](#)-has over 1500 rides downtown. Kelly offered to assist Mayor Buckley and the City of Beech Grove in facilitating the Blue Indy Program in Beech Grove.

READING OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL:

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the September 8th, 2015 meeting minutes to the Council. Councilor Jennings moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the September 14th, 2015 budget hearing minutes to the Council. Councilor Stewart moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susie McMillan- asked to speak after the budget was presented. When she did speak she rescinded a public information request she had sent to Council in an email and at the previous Council meeting. She had asked for all excel worksheets and documents regarding preparation of the budget. She noted, not all Councilors answered, but the answers she did receive from Mayor Buckley and a few Councilors were copies of emails received from the Clerk-Treasurer showing the work he had presented to them on the budget. Next, she asked how many officers the Beech Grove Police Department employs and if each have police cars and the answer was 31 officers and yes, they all have police cars. She also asked how much was in the Criminal Investigation Fund. The answer was \$444,996.59. She pointed out that the CIF Fund had plenty of money to assist with the purchase of new cars, that all public safety department budgets were fully funded to insure there would never be a reason for consolidation of public safety services in the city of Beech Grove as questions had been raised on social media regarding the issue.

Joe Griffin- played an audio file; which represented snippets of 2 open RDC meetings. Councilor Stewart commented that if Joe would have told them what they were listening to it would have been helpful. Joe explained that these were done at open RDC meetings with 3 elected officials present. He also commented that he has asked for an investigation of the RDC. Councilor Stewart asked what the point was. Joe commented that they were speaking of grievous crimes in an open meeting and they did not think they were being recorded. Councilor Coates asked why he thought that and Joe stated that it is said at the beginning of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Council- given above

Greenscape- none

RDC-none

Public Safety- none

ABC-none

Compliance Division-none

Financial Report-*presented by Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan*

General Ordinance No. 18, 2015

...amends Chapter 77 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances pursuant to traffic schedules

Councilor Jennings moved to read by Title only. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.18, 2015 passed on Third Reading and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 19, 2015

Amends Chapter 153 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances pursuant to addresses on public buildings and property

Current Chapter 153: Building Numbering

Councilor Jennings moved to read by Title only. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Coates moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.19, 2015 passed on Third Reading and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 20, 2015

Amends Chapter 77 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances concerning streets and stop signs

Current Chapter 77, Schedule II. Through Streets and Stop Streets

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.20, 2015 passed on Third Reading.

Councilor Coates suggested that the Council figure out a way to bring all the stop signs into one ordinance.

General Ordinance No. 22, 2015

...2016 Salary Ordinance

Councilor Coates moved to read by Title only. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record,

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.22, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

Councilor Bell moved to read by Title only. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Coates moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.22, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 23, 2015

...Beech Grove Civil City 2016 Budget

Financial Advisor Jeff Peters, gave a recap of the financial status of the City.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.23, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Coates moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.23, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 24, 2015

...Additional Appropriations - PS LOIT and Parks Non-Reverting Fund

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.24, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.24, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 25, 2015

...Beech Grove Public Library 2016 Budget

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.25, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.25, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 8, 2015

...Statement of Objection Appealing Tax Rate

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

Jeff Peters explained that the resolution, is to protect the City in the event that Marion County changes the tax rates to something that is inconsistent from the rate that was used in preparation of the budget. This resolution gives the City the right to expect the DLGF to review the budget with the tax rates that were used.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No.8, 2015 passed.

General Ordinance No. 26, 2015

...amends Chapter Title V: Public Works, Chapter 50: Sewers and adopts a Stormwater Utility Stormwater Standards Manual

Mary Atkins presented information regarding the adoption of a Stormwater Standards Manual. The manual will give the City the authority to manage stormwater run-off, enforce ordinances and issue permits regarding in Beech Grove. Since the 1990's the City of Indianapolis has had an inter-local agreement with Beech Grove that gave them the authority to perform these duties. Mary also briefly went through the manual with the Council.

Councilor Jennings questioned the fees and Mary did comment that the fees will be less than what Indianapolis currently charges. Councilor Coates asked for an explanation of what the process will be for obtaining the permits and the process was explained to her.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Coates moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.26, 2015 passed on First Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dave Mobley- thanked everyone for coming.

John Jennings-none

Dave Harrison- none

Anthony Davidson-absent

Ed Bell- none

Mary Stewart-none

Kathy Coates- thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Jennings moved to adjourn. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, November 2nd, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan