

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013**

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

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

. **Middle School Girls Cross Country Team** – Presented by Mayor Dennis Buckley & Councilor Coates

Mayor Buckley asked Richard Peak, BGMS Athletic Director to come forward.

Head Coach, Wendy Eckstein, stated last year they were second in the tourney but this year they were 60-0 and also won the County and the Conference.

Mayor Buckley presented a plaque to the Middle School Girls Cross Country Team.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the November 4, 2013 meeting minutes to the council. Councilor Stewart moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

. **Greenscape** – Presented by **Tim Latimer**

- **American in Bloom** – Tim stated they met Monday November 18th and discussed ‘American in Bloom.’ This is a program that offers numerous grant opportunities. Each committee member will be taking a portion of the document to see what they could use for Beech Grove.

- **Recertification** - Tim stated this is due the end of December and they will be sending it out very soon.

- **Next Meeting** – They will not meet in December so the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Hornet Park.

Ed Bell asked what types of trees were planted on Main Street. Tim stated most of them were Honey Locust and some were Red Oak. Tim will send an e-mail to Ed of what other types they were.

. **RDC** – Presented by **Joe Griffin**

Joe stated they are starting a partnership with all the residence of Beech Grove for the betterment of Beech Grove.

Joe stated they did not have a meeting in November due to not having enough Committee members.

Joe then read a letter to the Council he received dated November 13, 2013. The City of Indianapolis is preparing to embark on an unprecedented and intense planning effort in 2014 that will see the update of the Marion County Comprehensive Use Plan, Marion County Thoroughfare Plan, the Regional Plan, HUD Consolidation Plan and the new Economic Community Plan.

Joe stated this is something Beech Grove needs to be involved in.

Councilor Stewart asked Joe if the Greenway tying into the Monon Trail is part of what he is talking about. Joe advised Mary that the Greenway project is dead but it would have never tied into the Monon since it is several miles away.

Councilor Stewart asked for an example of how this would impact Beech Grove. Joe stated that it would include all the thoroughfares, which include streets, sewers, curbs, etc.

Joe believes this is one smart plan where they will be bringing Marion County as one and it is our chance to step forward.

. Public Safety – None

. ABC – None

Financial – Presented by Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan

Clerk Treasurer McMillan advised the Council that he has enclosed the preliminary statement he received from the Indiana Bond Bank. The statement shows the anticipated amount for the General Fund is approximately \$267,000.00 less, however they are anticipating the funding will fall short in the Police and Fire Pensions, so those 2 funds will add an additional amount of \$275,000.00, but this is preliminary.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated we also received our 1782 notice and everything looked good on it. He also had Jeff Peters review it and he agreed, so Clerk Treasurer McMillan signed it and sent it out.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated this would be a very busy month preparing for year end and rolling over into 2014.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated the Dental, Health, Vision and Liability insurances have all been finalized. Both the city and employees will see an increase in premiums. There was an insurance committee that worked on this and Clerk Treasurer McMillan would like to thank them for their time and work. The committee consisted of Aaron Jeanette, Representative for Local No. 416, James Baughn, Representative for F.O.P. No. 86, Rodney Giffin, Representative for DPW, Chris Duffer, former City of Beech Grove Clerk Treasurer and Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan will be transferring the Pilot (Payment in lieu of Taxes) payment from Sewage to Corporate per the 2013 budget; that amount will be \$142,196.00.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated the City Website continues to be successful and is provided at no cost to the taxpayers and he wants to thank the wonderful volunteers. If anyone has any community events they would like posted they can email those to dan.mcmillan@beechgrove.com. Clerk Treasurer McMillan tries to have them posted the same day.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan advised the Financial Reports, City Debt Schedules, Bank Statements and more are available on line at www.beechgrove.com.

Below are the bank account balances:

- . City Corporation - \$839,987.46
- . City Utilities/Sewage Wastewater - \$819,068.82
- . Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans - \$239,288.53
- . City Court - \$125,643.25
- . Criminal Investigations (CIF) - \$212,806.37
- . Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General - \$398,337.61
- . Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service - \$584,842.97

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Buckley advised the Council that he has met the Representative and she is aware that the Council meets the first Monday of every month. He was hoping she would be in attendance and will reach out to her again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[General Ordinance No. 15, 2013](#) –2nd Reading only
... *Handicapped Parking*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No. 15, 2013 into record.

Councilor Mobley moved to approve General Ordinance No. 15, 2013 on 2nd reading only. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

General Ordinance No. 15, 2013 will be heard for 3rd reading at the next Council meeting.

[General Ordinance No. 16, 2013](#) - 2nd Reading only
... *Fire Station Zones*

Mayor Dennis Buckley read General Ordinance No.16, 2013 into record.

Councilor Stewart asked for clarification in the ordinance due to one part stating chapter 70 and another part stating chapter 72. Mayor Buckley advised the board they should both be chapter 70, but this would not call for an amendment because it is not part of the ordinance; just standard language.

Councilor Bell moved to approve General Ordinance No. 16, 2013 on 2nd reading only. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

General Ordinance No. 16, 2013 will be heard for 3rd reading at the next Council meeting.

[General Ordinance No. 17, 2013](#) - 2nd Reading only
... *Fire Lane Parking*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No.17, 2013 into record.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve General Ordinance No. 17, 2013 on 2nd reading only Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

General Ordinance No. 17, 2013 will be heard for 3rd reading at the next Council meeting.

[General Ordinance No. 22, 2013](#) - 2nd and 3rd Reading
... *Authorizes a Tax Anticipation Warrant for 2014*

Councilor Coates moved to approve General Ordinance No. 22, 2013 be read by title only on 2nd reading. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No. 22, 2013 by title only into record on 2nd reading.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve General Ordinance No. 22, 2013 on 2nd reading. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by a vote of 5-1. Councilor Davidson voted nay.

Councilor Coates moved to approve General Ordinance No. 22, 2013 be read by title only on 3rd reading. Councilor Stewart seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read General Ordinance No. 22, 2013 by title only into record on 3rd reading.

Councilor Coates moved to approve General Ordinance No. 22, 2013 on 3rd and final reading. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by a vote of 5-1. Councilor Davidson voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS

. Clerk Employee Resignation - Presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated, due to the resignation of the full-time Clerk Employee, he is asking for approval to move part-time employee Debbie Springer into the full-time Deputy Assistant Clerk position. He is also asking for approval to hire a part-time clerk. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated both positions are funded in the budget.

Councilor Davidson asked Clerk Treasurer McMillan why the full-time clerk position was not advertised. Clerk Treasurer McMillan advised the Council that the position is at his discretion and serves at his pleasure. Clerk Treasurer McMillan also stated that right now he has payroll, etc. that has to be done and she is the only one who can get into the Keystone program, besides himself, and he need the position filled.

Councilor Davidson stated that he did not get a copy of the resignation and he also believes the position should have been posted. The previous clerk had an accounting background and he wanted to know if that was a requirement. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated that it is not a requirement to be an accountant and he also stated the resignation letter is part of her personnel files and he will not be releasing it to the Council.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated he wants everyone to be on the same page and have the Council's approval. However, he has spoken to Charlie Pride, from the State Board of Accounts, and the Council's approval is not necessary on whom he hires. If the position is approved in the salary ordinance than it is at his discretion whom he appoints as clerks, but out of respect for the Council and the office which he holds he has always tried and will continue to try to make transparency a priority. This is why he brought this before the Legislative body. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated he will do what is best for the office of the Clerk Treasurer even though Charlie Pride advised him this is really not any business of the Council.

Councilor Davidson then advised Clerk Treasurer McMillan to stop wasting the Council's time and feels Clerk Treasurer McMillan insulted the Council by saying he does not need their permission. He wanted to know why it was brought to the Council. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated he has brought all the

employees he has hired in his office to the Council, and he will continue to do so, because he wants to be transparent to the Council and the Citizens of Beech Grove.

Councilor Stewart stated she believes Clerk Treasurer McMillan is doing it out of respect for the Council.

City Attorney Wiley stated he agrees with the information Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated to the Council pursuant to statute and the position does not have to be posted.

Councilor Coates asked when the resignation was effective and Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated her last day of employment was November 27th.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan also stated Debbie already knows the position and knows the system.

Councilor Davidson stated that he would have thought Clerk Treasurer McMillan would have wanted everyone to have an opportunity.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve filling the full-time vacancy position with an employee in the Clerk's office, who is currently in a part-time position, effective immediately. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by a vote of 4-2. Councilor Davidson and Councilor Mobley voted nay.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the Clerk Treasurer to fill a vacancy for a part-time clerk. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by a vote of 5-1. Councilor Davidson voted nay.

. Transfers - Presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan

Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated the payroll vouchers were not completed until Saturday November 30th and he is trying to project for the remainder of the year so they will not need to call a special Council meeting this month.

Transfer \$1,405.79 from Fire/Instruction 101210310.008 to Fire/Garage & Motor 101210222.000

Transfer \$2,700.00 from Fire/Health Savings to Fire/Garage & Motor 101210222.000

Transfer \$1,000.00 from Sewage/Fuel 606900220.021 to Sewage/Reg. Salaries 606900113.000

Transfer \$2,600.00 from Sewage/Postage 606900322.000 to Sewage/Temp. Salaries 606900114.000

Transfer \$1,000.00 from Sewage/Electric 606900351.000 to Sewage/Temp. Salaries 606900114.000

Transfer \$1,000.00 from Sewage/Fuel 606900220.021 to Sewage/Temp. Salaries 606900114.000

Transfer \$18,000.00 from Sewage/Landfill Charges 606900390.940 to Sewage/IDPW 606900310.160

Transfer \$755.56 from Sewage/Fuel 606900220.021 to Sewage/IDPW 606900310.160

Transfer \$2,000.00 from Clerk Treas./ Med.Ins. 101002135.000 to Fire/Garage & Motor 101210222.000

Transfer from one department or fund to another for medical and dental insurance if necessary.

Councilor Bell asked about the \$18,000 for Storm Water. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated this was a bill for last year that they failed to bill to the City causing the 2013 budget to be short due to this left over balance.

Councilor Coates asked how many paydays are left in 2013 and Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated there are two left.

Councilor Mobley moved to approve the transfer of funds. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

. RDC and BZA updates - Presented by Councilor President Ed Bell

City Attorney Wiley advised the Council that somehow the terms of the RDC and BZA members were staggered. They should have all been up for re-appointments on December 31st of each year. He also stated this issue needs to be fixed so we are in compliant.

Councilor Bell advised the Council that they will hold off doing anything until the January meeting. He has only had one new person interested in the RDC at this time.

Mayor Buckley also stated that the Council can either re-appoint the 3 BZA members or appoint new ones and that will also be heard at the January meeting. He also stated there are two members that are appointed by the Department of Metropolitan Development. He also stated all three of the BZA members would like to continue but it is up to the Council.

Mayor Buckley stated resolutions will be done at the January meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Dave Mobley – Thanked everyone for showing up and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Dave Harrison – Ditto to what Councilor Mobley stated.

Councilor Anthony Davidson – Wants to congratulate the Girls Cross Country Team and Judge Wells on his new baby girl. He also says ditto to what Councilor Mobley stated.

Councilor Ed Bell – Congratulation to the Girls Cross Country Team and all the fine athletes in the Beech Grove schools. He also wants to thank everyone for coming and have a safe holiday.

Councilor Mary Stewart – Same as above and also wants the Police and Fire Departments to be safe this holiday season.

Councilor Kathy Coates – Also ditto to what everyone stated above.

AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTATION –

American Legion 276 will be donating two flags, (10x15) to the roundabout and the Park.

Mayor Buckley wishes everyone a Happy Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Stewart moved to adjourn. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Sheri Morgan