

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Grand Prix Race-** First Grand Prix Race in Beech Grove will be held June 16, 2019 Gates open at 8:00 am and races will run from 10:00am until 5:00pm at Beech Grove High School. Admission is free but there will be a charge for a Pit Pass. This is a Southern Indiana Association event. This is a go-kart event with participants ages ranging from 5 to 70.

**Public Hearing OCRA Grant** – The Mayor opened the public hearing for the OCRA Grant which was advertised in the Indianapolis Star on May 22, 2019. Mike Kleinpeter gave an update on the revitalization grant. The grant amount is \$452,280.00. The city’s match is \$137,020; which is made up of \$5,000.00 from the General Fund, \$37,500.00 from the Redevelopment Commission and \$94,520.00 from the business owners. The business owners have already deposited the money with the city. A site visit was conducted with representatives from OCRA, Mike Kleinpeter, Mayor Buckley and Jim Coffman. There are 8 buildings total. Napoli Villa, Rustic Root Tea Room, Eckstein Shoes, Masonic Lodge 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bar & Grill, Henthorn Agency, Mayer Design, and Design Studio. He gave a summary on all the work that is going to be completed on these businesses.

Public Comments -It was asked about how many businesses could be involved. Jim Coffman stated there could have been approximately 125 involved, the reasons vary why they chose not to participate.

Mayor Buckley closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting were presented to Council for approval. Councilor Brooks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kym Quick – spoke to the council regarding the letter that they received from Joe Wolfa and asked if any of the councilors shared the information with anyone. The answer by those that commented was no. They found it unbelievable.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mayors Youth Council** – None

**ABC** – Ashley explained the process of the Commission. The second continued hearing for Night Owls was conducted in June because a representative did not show up.

**Green Scape Commission** – In the Packet

**Compliance Division** – In the Packet

**Public Safety** – Deputy Chief Maurice gave an update on the police department.

**Financial Report**

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

There are no bond or lease payments to report for May.

We are short in the General Fund however, in June that will reverse itself as we keep all our tax money due to the fact that we no longer get a TAW. As a city we are now living within our means. Previous Clerk-Treasurer Chris Duffer started reducing the amount of the TAW when he was in office and I continued until it was no longer needed. Repeatedly, I was told by the city’s financial advisor that it couldn’t be done, and we did it 2 or 3 years ago. The office now uses a financial advisor for very little. We complete the budget and annual report within the office with very little resources from any consultants. We understand the value of a dollar and how hard our citizens work to earn that.

Stormwater Fund Balance -\$372,502.07

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](http://www.beechgrove.com)

The bank balances are listed below:

Corporate	\$2,267,020.34
Utilities	\$984,170.36
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF)	\$45,312.64
RDC General	\$257,054.72
RDC Debt Service (DSR)	\$240,000.00
2004 SRF Debt Service (DSR)	\$140,482.60
2004 SRF Debt Service Monthly (DSR)	\$69,721.53
2015A Refunding Bond Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$64,456.86

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**

Todd Bartron gave an update on the sale of the sewer. They received 63 inquiries from the 3 companies interested. There is a delay in the appraisals, but it is important to make sure these are correct. Councilor Day asked about the appraisals that were done last year and why those can't be used. Todd stated that their work product cannot be used by the regulatory commission. He gave a brief description of how the regulatory process will proceed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Zoning Hearing**

#### **2019-Zone-040 - 5230 Victory Drive – Request to Hear Rezoning of 5.2 Acres**

Joseph Caldron – Representing Northern Tool

There is an undeveloped parcel of about 2.5 acres between La Quinta Inn and the Holiday inn that fronts on 465 and Victory Drive. There are 3 parcels, 2 of which are zoned C4 and one of which is zoned ME1. Councilor Templin asked for verification of the address, 5230 Victory Drive is the correct address and is a half-acre. This is the address that is being discussed at the hearing this evening. Northern Tool & Equipment is proposing to build on a portion of all 3 parcels and they feel it will be better to have all 3 parcels zoned the same.

Linda Ahlbrand from the Metropolitan Development Commission explained to the Council their role in the process and what the zoning ME1 is. She also explained the C4 zoning. She also stated their recommendation is for approval.

The Council vote was 6-0 in favor of approval of rezoning the property located at 5230 Victory Drive to a C4.

#### **Resolution No.5, 2019**

...a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the Main Street Revitalization Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Mascari seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Resolution No.6, 2019**

...is a Resolution in Support of Retiring Indianapolis Power & Light Company's Petersburg Utility Plant by 2028 and Replace Their Power Source with Renewable Energy.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley read an email from Tim Showalter interested in streaming city meetings live on you tube and the website.

#### **Contract with Todd Butron**

Todd spoke to the council asking for an extension to his contract. Discussion took place regarding the contract.

Councilor Mascari moved to approve the contract. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilor Templin-** Mentioned the comments that the Clerk-Treasurer McMillan made in his report about how important every dollar is. He also thanked Deputy Chief Maurice for giving his report. Councilor Templin also recognized the danger the police put themselves in every day with every stop they make. He thanked Kym and Todd for speaking.

**Councilor Brooks-** Thanked the fire, police and DPW for all they do. He also said that he saw on facebook where a BCPD stopped and changed a tire. He stated that the citizens of Beech Grove are lucky to have the services we have. We have very good people working for the city. On June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm to June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm we will have the "Relay for Life" at the High School. I hope everybody turns out for it.

**Councilor Harrison** – Thanks to everyone for coming.

**Councilor Mascari-** Thanks to Chief Maurice for his report, it really makes it hit home. The Beech Grove Grand Prix is Father's Day and he is looking forward to it. He will be there all day.

**Councilor Lamping** – She gave a note of recognition to her friends at the Sierra Club for their support of Resolution No.6, 2019. She stated that anything that we can do as a community together to work and do good things for our environment, the wellness is a positive, and the Sierra Club works hard and they change the powerful to do better for our wellbeing, as far as the environment in our area. Thank you so much.

**Councilor Day** - Thanks to everyone for coming.

## **Mayor Buckley**

**He read an email from Deputy Fire Chief of Operations** – in the very near future the IU Health Medic will begin responding to the Beech Grove area. They will be available every other week. He also gave a brief description of what the services the ambulance will be able to provide.

**Reminder of Public Discussion-** Thursday, June 20,2019, 7:00pm at Hornet Park Community Center. The topic will be funding for constructing a new police station.

**Road Closures for Area Businesses at Churchman & Arlington** – Citizens energy provided notices for road closures due to moving gas lines and Mayor Buckley passed those along to the Council.

**Round-a-Bout Churchman & 25<sup>th</sup> Avenues** – Ceremonial check presentation from INDOT and the MPO in the amount of \$1, 053,000.00 will take place in the parking lot of the old gas station at 25<sup>th</sup> & Churchman on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 11:00am. The public is invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Lamping moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer