

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 5th, 2017**

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

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Flag Presentation – in memory of John Kelso

The family of John Kelso Jr. asked that this be read into the record. John Kelso Jr. was born on March 24, 1954 and passed away while on active duty overseas on March 12, 2001. John was a member of the United States Marine Corp. This flag was presented to the family in John's honor and the family is donating it to the City of Beech Grove in John Kelso Jr.'s memory.

Police Department Commendation and Recognition - Chief Mark Swartz stated that the police department does not give accommodations very often and they are not for just ordinary police work. On his way home after night shift, Officer Lee Huffman, reported a fire that was unnoticed and woke people up which; resulted in saving countless lives. Regrettably, one life was lost. The Beech Grove Police Department wants to recognize Officer Huffman for going beyond the call of duty.

The Kitchen Community - Theresa Vernon, spoke to the health of the community, and the increase in diabetes II and obesity. It is a national community that teaches healthy eating and behavior. They also plant learning gardens in schools; which includes lessons, on planting, caring and harvesting these gardens. This program is offered beginning at elementary school. She gave a description of the what the different grade levels are taught. She also provided information on how the plantings are distributed once they are harvested and how the crops are rotated.

Fire Department Capital Improvements – Chief Cheshire and Chief Pierce, presented their equipment needs. They gave an update on their recent equipment purchases and equipment purchases that are needed for the future. Beech Grove Fire Department does try to stay up to date with National Safety Standards. The department applies for grants to replace equipment, when grants are available, but most of the equipment is paid for through the budget, including fire trucks, ambulances and fire vehicles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Duffer amended the minutes from May 1st, 2017 to include Principal Liz Walters last name and on page two to read Susie McMillan was elected instead of nominated. Councilor Templin moved to approve the minutes with the amendments. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Duffer moved to amend the May 22nd Special Meeting minutes- scratch negotiations and insert Board of Works meeting. Councilor Mascari, amended to scratch “approved” the contract and insert “support” the contract.

Councilor Duffer moved to approved the minutes with the amendments. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor’s Youth Council: None

RDC: report in the packet.

ABC: None

Greenscape Commission: report in the packet.

Compliance Division: report in the packet.

Public Safety: report in the packet.

Financial Report: given by Clerk Treasurer-Dan McMillan.

Good Evening Councilors,

We made the following lease/purchase payments in April & May

Skidsteer - \$7,892.73 Regions Equipment Finance

2015 A Revenue Bond - \$31, 280.90

As you may recall several months ago we had Mike Hughes install LED lighting on the Clerk-Treasurer’s side of the building and last month he installed it on the Mayor’s side of the building.

A new ramp was installed in front of the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office. Smith Projects was the contractor. It is nice to have this walkway re-opened.

Tonight, we have an additional appropriation in the amount of \$215,000.00 for the Churchman Avenue Sidewalk project. Public Hearing and First Reading is tonight and Second and Third Readings are in July.

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	\$3,253,825.57
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$1,064,912.85
City Court	\$198,314.45
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF)	\$177,028.80
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$135,143.57
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service (DSR)	\$240,000.00
BNY- Mellon – 2004 SRF Debt Service (DSR)	\$136,540.14
Huntington National Bank 2015A Debt Reserve (DSR)	\$63,997.12

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 4, 2017

Parks and Recreation

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.4, 2017 was approved on Third and Final Reading

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Buckley opened the floor for the Public Hearing and public comments were welcomed.

Mayor Buckley spoke as a citizen to what a tremendous improvement this project is for the city and he urged the council to check it out, if they have not already.

General Ordinance No. 5, 2017

Additional Appropriation

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record. This is for the Churchman Avenue Sidewalk Project.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.5, 2017 was approved on First Reading.

General Ordinance No. 6, 2017

Amends Chapters 94 and 98 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Beech Grove

-Open Burning – Sponsored by Councilor Vito Mascari

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Mascari moved to amend L.2 of the ordinance to read “6” depth hole, surrounded by a brick or cement block/ barrier extending a minimum of 6” in height.”. Councilor Duffer moved to approve the amendment. Councilor Mascari seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Mascari moved to amend L.4 of the ordinance to read “pit needs to be 15 feet from any power line or structure”. Councilor Duffer moved to approve the amendment. Councilor Mascari seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Mascari moved to approve the ordinance with the two amendments. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.6, 2017 was approved on First Reading.

General Ordinance No.7, 2017

Amends Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Beech Grove -Animals – Sponsored by Councilor Vito Mascari

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by a 5-1 voice vote. Councilor Harrison voted no. General Ordinance No.7, 2017 was approved on First Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bud Templin: Councilor Templin thanked the fire department for their presentation. He thinks it is important for the city to have a good website that explains things well and he thinks it would be good for the city to have a facebook page too. He also thanked the Mayor for his work on the ordinances and the Clerk-Treasurer for his financial report. The no Mecca in place as far as radio communications and he thinks the Mayor had some suggestions that were great and will work and he wanted to put it on the record. He also acknowledged and extended his thanks to John Kelso Jr. for his service and giving his life for this country and thank you, to his family for their donation of the flag to honor John Kelso Jr.

Jim Brooks: absent

Dave Harrison: thanked everyone for coming and thank you to the fire chief, it looks like we have a lot to look forward to in the next couple years.

Councilor Mascari: thanks to the fire department for coming and talking and I want to see where these fire pit and chicken ordinances go.

Councilor Lamping: I want to remind everyone that Beautify Beech Grove Family walk is June 17, 2017 at 9:00am at Sarah Bolton park. It is an excellent chance to meet and greet your neighbors. This is an awesome opportunity to contribute to a non- profit that supplies the flags and other decorations around the city and no taxpayer dollars are used.

Councilor Duffer: thanked Councilor Mascari for sponsoring the fire pit ordinance.

Councilor Day: thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that Relay for Life begins June 16th down at the middle school track at 13th and Main.

Mayor Buckley: The following is included in your packet,

HB 1002 - LR & S is expected to increase in 2018 approximately 20%.

There is an update on the Hoosier State.

The RDC and the City paid to switch the lights on Emerson Avenue to LED and just in the first month in the first meter the City saved \$127.00 and on the second meter the city saved \$153.00.

I also included an update on Marsh Supermarket. Weds. Is the deadline for Marsh to take bids on their properties. If they have several bids then they will have an auction on June 12th. Two chains are interested, Kroger and American Eagle, so hopefully the store will stay there.

Reminder we will not have our July Council meeting until July 10, 2017, due to the fireworks on July 3, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Duffer moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer