

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 3, 2022

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

Roll Call-

City Council Members Buddy Templin, Kevin Day, President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson, Elizabeth Lamping, Kara Ferguson, and Ryan Matkins were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Council Member Dave Harrison joined telephonically.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Invocation was presented.

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

None

Approval of Minutes-

December 6, 2021- Councilor Templin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

December 20, 2021- Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

Police Station – City Attorney Craig Wiley provided an update.

IFD/BGFD Update- Mayor Buckley provided an update.

ABC- One renewal for O’Gara’s.

Compliance- Report is in the packet.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$7,391,759.93

ARPA Fund- \$955,400.40

Utilities \$1,589,147.11

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$64,358.88

RDC General \$915,187.77

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Council President Pro-Tem Appointment- Councilor Kara Ferguson nominated Councilor Robert Ferguson for the Pro-Tem position, Councilor Harrison seconded the nomination, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RDC Appointment- Current member Matthew Kochevar wishes to continue, but member James Siegman does not. Councilor Lamping presented resident Pete Piazza, who briefly introduced himself to the Council. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to appoint Matthew Kochevar to the RDC, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to appoint Pete Piazza to the RDC, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

BZA Appointment- Current BZA members Marsha Dorsey, Julie Weaver, and Mike Garrett wish to continue serving on the Board. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to appoint the three members, Dorsey, Weaver, and Garrett, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Parks Board Appointment- Current Park Board member Jeff Woehler wishes to remain on the Board. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to appoint Woehler, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Annual Disclosure Statements

Nepotism Forms- Councilor Day made a motion to approve the Nepotism forms submitted, Councilor Templin seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Contract Forms- Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve the Contract Forms submitted, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Conflict of Interest Forms- Conflict of Interest forms were submitted for Clerk Treasurer Coffman, Councilor Lamping, Councilor Harrison, and BOW member Sandy Seward. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve the Conflict Forms as submitted, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARPA Recommendations/Update- An update on expenditures and approved projects completed/approved was presented. Mayor Buckley discussed the need to replace the roofs at the EMS Station and the Senior Citizens Center. Councilor Lamping presented a stormwater request for 369 N. 19th Avenue. Discussions about stormwater needs, sewer needs, project ranking lists, and supporting nonprofits was discussed at length. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve using ARPA funds to purchase new roofs at the EMS Station and the Senior Citizens Center, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #1, 2022, Transfer of Funds- Resolution #1, 2022 is a budgetary resolution authorizing a transfer of funds for Police, Fire, and PST. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve Resolution #1, 2022, Councilor Day seconded the

motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Comments-

Councilor Templin- Thank you to the RDC, BZA, and Parks Board members for doing what they do. Happy New Year!

Councilor Day – Thank you for coming. Thanks to those people that stepped up to help!

Councilor Dave Harrison- No comment.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thank you to the Council for voting him as Council Pro Tem again. I appreciate it and do not take the position lightly. Thanks to those volunteering for the committees. 2022 will be an exciting year for both the City and for the RDC.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks to the Council and to those that serve. Welcome Mr. Piazza to the RDC. Stay well, stay safe, and keep going!

Councilor Matkins- Thanks for coming out, thanks to Mr. Piazza for volunteering, thanks to those returning to serve, and thanks to Councilor Robert Ferguson for serving as Pro Tem.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Congratulations to Mr. Piazza for serving on the RDC. Thanks to the Pastors for volunteering their time to come to the meetings each month. Beech Grove is a great place to live and work.

Mayor Buckley- The next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday January 18th to hear a special change of zoning request.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Matkins moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer