

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 4, 2021

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

Roll Call-

Present: City Council Members, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, Kara Ferguson, Robert Ferguson, Buddy Templin, and Gary Hall. Also, present, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Councilor Elizabeth Lamping called into the meeting remotely. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Invocation was presented.

Special Presentations-

**Moment of Silence- Dick Midkiff and Jerry Billington**

**Proclamation- School Choice Week**

**Zoning Hearing Request- St. Paul Hermitage-** The facility is currently zoned SU2 for a religious organization but must be zoned C-1. Councilor Harrison made a motion to hear the request in February, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes-

**December 7, 2020-** Councilor Harrison moved 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 Update-** There has been one meeting so far. Next, they plan on meeting with developers to lay the foundation on exactly what they want and need in the new facility. The cost could range anywhere between 6 to 10 million dollars.

**ABC –** No meeting.

**RDC-** No meeting.

**Compliance-** Department is currently closed due to COVID.

**Greenscape-** No meeting.

**Financial Report-** Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$4,152,393.39

Utilities \$1,159,071.08

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$34,318.54

RDC General \$626,339.50

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Old Business-

None

New Business-

**President Pro-Tem Selection-** Councilor Day nominated Councilor Robert Ferguson for President Pro-Tem. There were no other nominations, so Councilor Templin made a motion to close the nominations and Councilor Day seconded the motion. Councilor Robert Ferguson was approved for President Pro-Tem by a unanimous voice vote.

**Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments-** There are three Council appointments up for vote. Three current appointments, Marsha Dorsey, Julie Weaver, and Mike Garrett wish to continue to serve. Councilor Templin made a motion to nominate the three appointments, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Redevelopment Commission Appointments-** There are two Council appointments up for vote. Current appointments are James Siegman and Bonnie Dickinson. James Siegman wishes to continue. Also interested in serving is Matthew Kochevar and Anna Ottinger. Councilor Templin made a motion to appoint Matthew Kochevar and James Siegman, Councilor Kara Ferguson seconded the motion. Councilor Hall made motion to appoint Anna Ottinger to the RDC, Councilor Templin seconded the motion. After a voice vote was taken, Matthew Kochevar and James Siegman were appointed to serve for 2021.

**Transfer of Funds- Clerk Treasurer-** Resolution #1, 2021 is a budgetary resolution authorizing a transfer of funds to close out the budget year 2020. The Fire Department budget was overspent this year. The other department did very well and stayed within their budgets. The Police Department did exceptionally well with just dollars left to spend! Councilor Day made a motion to approve the transfer of funds, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Disclosure Forms-** Please return to Clerk Treasurer Coffman.

Comments-

**Councilor Harrison** – Year 2021 is going to be a better year!

**Councilor Day** – Thanks for coming and congratulations to the appointments.

**Councilor Lamping-** Thanks for coming. Stay safe! See you next month.

**Councilor Hall-** Congratulations to the appointments and happy birthday to Ms. Ferguson!

**Councilor Kara Ferguson-** No comments but she will be turning 35 again!

**Councilor Templin-** Had the honor of knowing both Dick Midkiff and Jerry Billington. A new police building is a great capital improvement, but we must continue to take care of our employees. The OCRA grant is good news for the City and the sewers!

**Councilor Robert Ferguson-** Thanks for the appointment of President Pro-Tem and congratulations to the appointments. 2021 will be an exciting year with big improvements coming to the City of Beech Grove. Lots of new construction and the OCRA grant!

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Day seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer