

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 7, 2022

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

Roll Call-

City Councilors Buddy Templin, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, Elizabeth Lamping, and Ryan Matkins were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson and Councilor Kara Ferguson were absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Invocation was presented.

Moment of Silence was observed for Sue Conway, Jackie McKinney, Maria Lorenzano, and Norm McNeely.

Special Presentations-

None

Approval of Minutes-

January 3, 2022- Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

January 18, 2022- Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

Pastor Jerry Dickinson- Thank you for everything. They will be moving to Florida soon.

Committee Reports-

Police Station – Groundbreaking will take place on April 1, 2022 at 11:00 am.

ABC- none.

Compliance- Report is in the packet.

RDC- President Matthew Kochevar presented the RDC report.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$6,077,279.24

 ARPA Fund- \$934,588.13

Utilities \$2,301,188.84

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$64,358.88

RDC General \$625,951.77

Old Business-

None

New Business-

General Ordinance #1, 2022- 1st Reading- General Ordinance #1, 2022 is an ordinance concerning amounts charged for permits in the City of Beech Grove. Questions about the fees, permitting and processes were discussed. Mayor Buckley and Clerk Treasurer Coffman explained how this was discussed about one year ago and not everything will increase. The Ordinance will clear up some confusion about inspections and attempt to make the entire process more manageable. Concerns about how any increase might affect the Citizens was also discussed. Councilor Day made a motion to read General Ordinance #1, 2022 by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1, 2022 on first reading only, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Non-Profit ARPA Recommendation- Mayor Buckley made a recommendation to the Council to award three local nonprofits \$7,500.00 each from the ARPA funds. The Beech Grove Lions Club, Beech Grove Promoters Club, and the Beech Grove Drug Free Coalition all recently presented to the Council regarding the work they do in the City. It was discussed that each group should report back to the Council on how the money was used. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the \$7,500 payments to the BG Lions Club, BG Promoters Club, and the BG Drug Free Coalition, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Comments-

Councilor Templin- Thank you Pastor Jerry, wish you nothing but the best. We hate to hear when people who have contributed so much to the City or are friends to many dies. We are proud of our Police and the work they do.

Councilor Day – Good luck to Pastor Jerry, we will miss seeing you.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Thanks for coming! Happy to hear about the Police Station. Best of luck to Pastor Jerry. The Council did a good thing tonight.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Absent.

Councilor Lamping- Pastor Jerry, enjoy! Thank you to the DPW for their response and hard work with the recent snowstorm.

Councilor Matkins- Thank you to Pastor Jerry and great job to the BG DPW. Thanks to all for coming and be safe.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Absent.

Mayor Buckley- Thompson Trail construction will begin soon. The Police Station groundbreaking will take place on April 1st, 2022 at 11:00 am. The Franciscan Trail ribbon cutting will take place on April 15 in Sarah T. Bolton Park. Phase II for the greenway funding could be announced as soon as February 16th!

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk-Treasurer