

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 1, 2021

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

Roll Call-

Present: City Council Members Dave Harrison, Kevin Day, Elizabeth Lamping, Gary Hall, Kara Ferguson, Buddy Templin, and President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson. Also, present, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag presented by Scout Pack 108. Invocation was presented.

Special Presentations-

Moment of Silence- Ron Alford

Recognition- BGHS Wrestler Max Comado

Recognition- BGHS Jr. Varsity Basketball Team

Proclamation- Vietnam Veterans Day

Approval of Minutes-

February 1, 2021- Councilor Day made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

Anna Ottinger- Questions regarding the Coronavirus Reimbursement money that was provided through Marion County.

Dave Copenhaver- Spoke regarding the BGF/IFD townhall and called it an embarrassment. Public speaking is a 1st amendment right and should have been permitted. Defaulted the remainder of his time to Mayor Buckley.

Jane Henry- Presented questions on the BGF/IFD fire agreement, Indiana Code, and mergers. How will the retirement funds continue to be paid and how many individuals are on the plans? There are a lot of people in Beech Grove without the internet, please be sure to inform the citizens of these discussions and public meetings that might occur. Can we do a mailer?

Committee Reports-

Police Station Update- RFQ's are due to by March 9th, 2021. Funding for the entire project is still be discussed and decided.

ABC – Approved four renewals.

RDC- A vote was taken on RDC help with City projects, with a vote of four to one. Tim Showalter provided a great presentation on the possibility of a McQueen statue somewhere in the City.

Compliance- Report is in the packet.

Greenscape- No meeting.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$2,826,127.18

Utilities \$1,425,377.72

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$34,318.54

RDC General \$349,624.44

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Old Business-

General Ordinance #1, 2021- Second Reading- General Ordinance #1, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 112 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove, concerning Amusement machines and Master Vendor's License. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1 on second reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #1, 2021- Third Reading- General Ordinance #1, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 112 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove, concerning Amusement machines and Master Vendor's License. Councilor Day made a motion to read by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1 on third reading, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #2, 2021- Second Reading- General Ordinance #2, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning fees assessed by the City for construction services and permits for individual cell tower installation and modifications. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2 on second reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #2, 2021- Third Reading- General Ordinance #2, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning fees assessed by the City for construction services and permits for individual cell tower installation and modifications. Councilor Templin made a motion to read by title only, Councilor Kara Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2 on third reading, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

New Business-

Uniform Conflict of Interest- RDC member Matthew Kochevar has submitted a signed Uniform Conflict of Interest Form. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the form, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Comments-

Councilor Harrison – Thanks for coming. Congratulations to wrestler Comado and the JV Basketball team.

Councilor Day – Thanks for coming and great work to the DPW on the snow removal!

Councilor Lamping- Please remember Vietnam Veterans Day. Proud to say that three of her six brothers served in Vietnam.

Councilor Hall- Condolences to the Ron Alford family.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Thank you to everyone that reached out with questions. Continue to do so and she will do her best to get the answers.

Councilor Templin- Serving on the Council is a pleasure. My family has been here forever. The desire to remain independent has been here forever. We love this community. Condolences to the Alford family. Ron was a fantastic person for this City and will be missed.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thanks for coming out and speaking. I support public comment in all meetings. Was disappointed with the Fire Department meeting and the lack of information that was provided. If we have another meeting, hopefully answers will be provided. We must inform the public.

Mayor Buckley- We are once again a Tree City, for over ten years now. RFQ for the police station was in your packet. Road was closed near Southern for a construction project and the five doubles being built there. Information has been dispersed regarding the cost to treat wastewater over the next several years.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer