

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 6, 2023

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

Roll Call-

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

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

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

BGHS- Wrestler Jack Broadwell Recognition

BGHS- Bowler Donnie Sutton Recognition

Holy Name- 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Recognition

Proclamation- Viet Nam Veterans Day- March 29th

Beech Grove Police Department- Gun Range Project- Discussion of funding a gun range/training facility as phase two for the Police Department. Chief Maurice explained the need and the project. Municipal Financial Consultant Jeff Peters explained the tax impact and how it could be funded. Greg Martz explained the BOT process and estimates the construction would take approximately eleven months. And lastly, Bond Council, Zach Klutz from Taft, explained the bonding process. After discussion, Councilor Day made a motion to proceed with funding the project, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

Committee Reports-

RDC Report- Matthew Kochevar

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman- Attached to the report were recent ARPA invoices and an updated EXCEL spreadsheet showing all activity within the ARPA fund. 2022 Annual Report was reviewed and signed by several Councilors.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$6,105,363.47

ARPA Fund- \$1,296,259.13

Utilities \$1,943,515.54

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$944,979.00

RDC General \$691,915.04

Police Station –Chief Maurice provided an update.

Approval of Minutes-

February 6, 2023- Councilor Matkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

Public Comments-

None

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Beech Grove Promoters Club Update- ARPA- Beech Grove Promoters Club President Nadja Williams presented expenditures made from the \$7,500.00 ARPA grant received from the Council in 2022 and said \$3,150.00 remains to be spent.

Beech Grove Lions Club Update- ARPA- Beech Grove Lions Club President Mike Pence presented expenditures made from the \$7,500.00 ARPA grant received from the Council in 2022, which has been spent in full.

Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug Free Coalition- ARPA- Executive Director Diana Hendricks presented expenditures made from the \$7,500.00 grant received from the Council in 2022, which has been spent in full.

Breathe Easy, Beech Grove- Taylor Williams discussed efforts made by Breathe Easy Beech Grove and provided the Council with materials to review for the near future.

Comments-

Councilor Kara Ferguson- I am proud of our City. We have worked together, things are happening, and we have made a difference.

Councilor Matkins- Love being a part of this Council, but the finances are a concern. I want to see us thrive. Would love to tour the new Police Station. Congratulations to the basketball team on their win the other night!

Councilor Lamping- March is Women's History Month. Empowered women empower other women.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thank you to the groups for updating us on the money spent, especially happy to hear support of Boys II Men. This is a great organization that encourages positive interactions with Police in the community. We lost two Police Officers in the state of Indiana in the last week. We must provide our Officers with the state-of-the-art training that is available out there.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Thanks for coming. Great to see the funding of these organizations, and not the Boys II Men band! Provided a high school basketball update.

Councilor Day – Thank you for coming. Congratulations to Police Department. Getting the gun range approved is big for the Police Department and this Council.

Councilor Templin- My neighbor, Dave Harrison, will not be seeking re-election on the Council, so someone will have to get with Jim Pich or Steve Nontell to get us updates and keep up with Dave. I am proud of every department and the work they do to keep us a strong and independent City.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer