

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

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

Roll Call-

City Councilors Buddy Templin, 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. Councilor Kevin Day was absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Invocation was presented.

Moment of Silence was observed for Paul Kirby, John Ciriello, John and Charlene Schofield, Darlene Scutt, Kim Sturm, and Bert Payton.

Special Presentations-

**Vietnam Veteran's Day Proclamation-** DAR

**Swearing in of Police Officer DeMarcus Johnson**

**ARPA- Civic Groups Check Presentation-** Beech Grove Lions Club, Beech Grove Promoters Club, and Beech Grove Drug Free Coalition

**City Court Annual Report-** Judge Wells

**Phase II Greenway-** Crossroads Engineers

Approval of Minutes-

**February 7, 2022-** Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

**Police Station** – Jeff Peters

**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 \$5,642,265.24

ARPA Fund- \$912,088.13

Utilities \$1,896,526.25

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$59,901.45

RDC General \$625,145.77

Old Business-

**General Ordinance #1, 2022- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-** General Ordinance #1, 2022 is an ordinance concerning amounts charged for permits in the City of Beech Grove. 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. Councilor Templin 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 six to zero. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1, 2022 on second reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

New Business-

**Resolution #2, 2022-** Resolution #2, 2022 is a resolution to be sent to the Indiana State Legislature to let them know the City Council of the City of Beech Grove opposes legislation regarding a reduction in business personal taxes. Financial Advisor Jeff Peters explained how this would negatively affect current budgets if passed. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution #2, 2022, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

**General Ordinance #2, 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading-** General Ordinance #2, 2022 is an ordinance providing guidance to Common Council and all Boards and Commissions of the City of Beech Grove when members may attend meetings virtually during a declared local or state emergency. Councilor Harrison made a motion to read General Ordinance #2, 2022 by title only, Councilor Kara Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2, 2022 on first reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Comments-

**Councilor Templin-** Great start to the meeting tonight with three non-profits made up with great people serving our community. Welcome to Officer Johnson.

**Councilor Day** – Absent.

**Councilor Dave Harrison-** Thanks for coming! The boys' basketball team is doing great! Come out and watch the hornets play!

**Councilor Robert Ferguson-** Welcome to Officer Johnson. With everything happening in the world with Police Departments, it is nice to see people joining the force!

**Councilor Lamping-** Congratulations to Officer Johnson. Please pray for peace in Ukraine and for an end to this conflict.

**Councilor Matkins-** Welcome to Officer Johnson. It is nice to see the community thrive, and good to see people out and active in the community.

**Councilor Kara Ferguson-**Such a positive meeting and heartwarming to see the community come together. I am proud to be a Grover!

**Mayor Buckley-** Lots of information tonight in your packet. There will be a zoning request at the next Council meeting, an ARPA request from Councilor Lamping, and a letter talking about the new trail from a 95-year Beech Grove old resident, Mr. Roell was read.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer