

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 3, 2023

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

Roll Call-

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

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

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

Subway Street Reconstruction- Last year the Council agreed to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to redo the Subway Street pavement. Local business Shelby Materials thanked them for the funding. The RDC funded the other half of the project.

Beech Grove Public Safety Foundation Certificate- Work is underway to form this new Foundation.

Servants Heart, ARPA Update- Bill Boone provided an update from the organization.

Safe Haven Baby Box Presentation, Councilor Kara Ferguson- Councilor Kara Ferguson presented the Safe Haven Baby Box project to the Council. Councilor Ferguson explained the project's importance, her story, and why this project is so important to her. If approved, the box would be installed at the EMS Station on Albany Street, filling a large void on the south side. Discussion on the project and funding took place. Councilor Kara Ferguson made a motion to approve the project, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to fund the project up to \$17,000.00 with ARPA funds, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five 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. Also attached to the report was the annual RDC TIF Report for 2022 that was submitted on the Gateway.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$5,316,329.13

ARPA Fund- \$1,296,259.13

Utilities \$2,157,639.83

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$936,477.50

RDC General \$691,446.94

Police Station –Deputy Chief Mercuri provided an update.

Approval of Minutes-

March 6, 2023- Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Public Comments-

None

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Resolution #3, 2023, Determination of Need, BGPD Range- Municipal Consultant Jeff Peters presented the project and the effect any new bonds would have on the tax base. Peters stated taxes will remain neutral based on 2021 rates with the new Police Station and Range. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read the Resolution into the record. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve Resolution #3, 2023, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Comments-

Councilor Kara Ferguson- A Peace Walk is scheduled for April 29th in the Park presented by the Mayors Faith Based roundtable. Let us stand against violence!

Councilor Matkins- Absent.

Councilor Lamping- April 2023 is stress awareness month.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thank you Councilor Kara Ferguson for sharing her story and her voice. I am happy she shared it today. Congrats to the Police Department on the new troops getting out on the streets.

Councilor Dave Harrison- I have known Bill Boone for forty years and I am not surprised he is doing what he is doing today. To the Police Department, I love that show! It shows just how busy they are and the great job that they do each day. Provided a year end wrap up for BG high school basketball.

Councilor Day – Absent.

Councilor Templin- Whoever takes over the 5th District, will have to get with Jim Pich or Steve Nontell to get us updates and keep up with Dave. Thank you to Bill Boone for all he does for the City and has done for years. Thank you, Councilor Kara Ferguson, for sharing your story. Election is coming up and I wish all the candidates well. At the end of the day we are all neighbors and I appreciate all that put their name in the hat.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer