

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 1, 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, Ryan Matkins and Kara Ferguson were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Council Member Elizabeth Lamping was absent.

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

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

Proclamation- National Drug Prevention Week.

Public Hearing Concerning A Lease Agreement, BGPD- Public Comments were provided from residents Matthew Kochevar and Dennis Buckley, both support the gun range/training facility project and funding

Committee Reports-

RDC Report- Matthew Kochevar provided an update on the RDC.

Public Comments-

Matthew Kochevar took a couple minutes of public comment to remind everyone of Election Day.

Committee Reports Continued-

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 ARPA Report for 2022 that was submitted on the Gateway in April.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$4,634,437.03

ARPA Fund- \$1,196,901.13

Utilities \$2,265,450.48

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$936,477.50

RDC General \$688,469.38

Police Station –Deputy Chief Mercuri provided an update.

Approval of Minutes-

April 3, 2023- Councilor Day made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Acceptance of Certified Taxpayer Petition- Bond Counsel Zach Klutz discussed the petition. No vote was needed but information provided for the record.

Ordinance #1, 2023, Determination of Need, BGPD Range, 1st Reading- Bond Counsel Zach Klutz presented the project, timeline, and answered questions. Councilor Templin made a motion to suspend the rules for approval of the ordinance in one meeting, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read Ordinance #1, 2023 into the record. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1, 2023 on first reading only, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Ordinance #1, 2023, Determination of Need, BGPD Range, 2nd Reading-Councilor Day made a motion to read General Ordinance #1, 2023 by title only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read General Ordinance #1, 2023 by title only. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1, 2023 on second reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Ordinance #1, 2023, Determination of Need, BGPD Range, 3rd Reading-Councilor Day made a motion to read General Ordinance #1, 2023 by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read General Ordinance #1, 2023 by title only. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #1, 2023 on third reading, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Lease Agreement, BGPD Training Center/Gun Range- Financial Consultant Jeff Peters discussed the funding, lease, and property tax values. No vote was needed but information provided for the record.

Comments-

Councilor Kara Ferguson- No comment.

Councilor Matkins- Glad the gun range is getting started. Hopefully they will not have to wait too long and we can start to make some money off it too.

Councilor Lamping- Absent.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Election Day is tomorrow, please go vote. Thank you to all for coming and happy to see the Police Department well represented, along with several potential council members here. A thank you card was read into the record from the Beech Grove Band Boosters for the monetary donation last year.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Thanks for coming, please get out and vote. Question about the gun shop break in. Deputy Chief Mercuri provided several updates on recent events.

Councilor Day – Thanks for coming, good luck to those running for office tomorrow.

Councilor Templin- Congratulations to Officer Timothy Williams on his retirement from the Beech Grove Police Department and to the new Officers that just graduated from the academy. Special recognition to Officer Ferguson, father of Councilor Robert Ferguson, who was in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer