

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 2, 2022

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

Roll Call-

City Councilors Buddy Templin, Dave Harrison, Kevin Day, 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-

**Proclamation National Prevention Week-** May 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>

**BGHS Boys Basketball Presentation-** 8:00 p.m.

**BGHS Winter Percussion Presentation**

**ARPA Check Presentation-** Servant's Heart

**Beech Grove Little League ARPA Request-** Councilor Day made a motion to award the BG Little League \$20,000 from the ARPA Funds, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

**IDEM Report-** No issues found in Sarah T. Bolton Park or on the Trail.

Approval of Minutes-

**April 4, 2022-** Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

Public Comments-

**Samantha Stratton-** One-way traffic signs suggested at 7<sup>th</sup> and Main Street.

Committee Reports-

**Police Station** – Chief Maurice

**RDC-** President Matthew Kochevar presented the monthly RDC report.

**Financial Report-** Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman- Copy of the annual ARPA report was provided for Council review.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$4,989,903.34

ARPA Fund- \$860,970.60

Utilities \$1,929,419.78

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$336,540.99

RDC General \$620,342.94

Old Business-

**General Ordinance #2, 2022, 3rd 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 Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2, 2022 on third reading, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

**BGHS Boys Basketball Presentation-** State basketball Champions were introduced and congratulated.

**OCRA Community Development Block Grant Closeout-** The sewer project has been completed and closed. No vote needed, just information provided for the Council and the public.

New Business-

**ARPA Request for Project Expenditures-** The Mayor, Councilor Robert Ferguson, and Clerk Treasurer Coffman recently met to discuss another round of potential projects to be completed with ARPA funds. A summary of money spent, and projects already approved was submitted and discussed. The new projects presented for vote include the following-

Senior Citizens Handicap Ramp behind building-	\$6,000.00
Hornet Park Community Center Roof and Ceiling Tile Replacement-	\$160,000.00
Hornet Park Community Center Parking Lot Lighting-	\$65,000.00
Hartman Park Garage/Door Replacement-	\$25,00.00
Sanitary Sewer Lining Project **	\$450,000.00
25 <sup>th</sup> and Churchman Roundabout Construction-	\$225,000.00
Hornet Greenway Construction	\$225,000.00
City Hall Emergency Generator-	\$70,000.00
2021 and 2022 Community Crossings Engineering Services-	\$200,000.00
Total-	\$1,426,000.00

*\*\*The City will add \$250,000.00 for a total project cost of \$700,000.00. Wessler Engineering will coordinate locations and recommendations of what needs lined or improved with the removal of wastewater.*

Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve the recommended projects presented, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

**Resolution #5, 2022 Police Station Approval-** Resolution #5, 2022 is a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, determining a need for project and intent to proceed, authorizing circulation of petition of taxpayers and two appraisals. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Resolution #5, 2022, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

Comments-

**Councilor Templin-** Congratulations to the Percussion and the basketball team. We have great students, teachers, and coaches. The pandemic money is great to help those who need it and great to invest more money in the sewer system.

**Councilor Day** –Thanks for coming. Congratulations to the boys’ basketball team.

**Councilor Dave Harrison-** Asked if we could spend money on sidewalks and does anyone check out the sidewalks in the City? Mayor Buckley discussed sidewalks and what takes place. Congratulations to the percussion and the boys’ basketball team. Great work to Mr. Boone, we are happy we were able to help.

**Councilor Robert Ferguson-** Thanks for coming. Congratulations to the boys’ basketball team! All the games were exciting to watch! Congratulations to the winter percussion group. It is nice to see them being recognized by the Mayor. Fine arts spend just as much time as athletes and it is nice to recognize their hard work. Recently there was a terrible accident near our home. IFD’s response to the accident was quick and all equipment was ready to use.

**Councilor Lamping-** Thank to all the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Remember a public safety champion Frank Anderson who recently passed. Applaud Angel McKenna for all her hard work at the Going Green in the Grove event. The entire staff was there, and they put their heart and soul into this event and the center.

**Councilor Matkins-** Congratulations to the winter percussion and boys’ basketball. Great to be able to help the BG Little League with their needs. Thanks to Samantha Stratton for coming out to voice concerns about traffic on Main Street. Heart goes out to Officer Parker and the Department on the passing of Police Dog Wyatt. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beech Grove Moose Lodge is coming up, please participate in their many events.

**Councilor Kara Ferguson-** Not much else to add. But be warned, my son just got his drivers license, so be aware and keep an eye out for him!

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer