

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 5, 2023

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

Roll Call-

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

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

Moment of Silence was observed for the passing of former Mayor Donald J. Wright.

Special Presentations-

Gun Violence Awareness Proclamation- June 2023.

Public Hearing Additional Appropriation- Public Comment was open. The Additional Appropriation request is for Opioid Funds that were received earlier this year. Attorney Craig Wiley, Clerk Treasurer Coffman explained the funds and lawsuit in detail. Public Hearing was closed.

Sanitary Sewer Projects Update, Wessler Engineers- Brent discussed the current OCRA project along with the new sewer project planned along 25th Avenue.

Committee Reports-

RDC Report- Matthew Kochevar, RDC report was provided.

Police Station –Deputy Chief Mercuri provided an update on the new station and On Patrol Live.

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.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$4,093,905.62

ARPA Fund- \$1,081,543.77

Utilities \$2,195,857.54

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$935,636.87

RDC General \$619,101.44

Approval of Minutes-

May 1, 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.

Public Comments-

Jason Brown- Resident at 418 Edwards Avenue- Requests a stop sign on Edwards Avenue to slow the speed down.

Lori Cagen- Resident and employee at the Hornet Park Community Center discussed the Buzz Club program and concerns about it being taken away.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Ordinance #2, 2023, Additional Appropriation, OPIOID Fund 1st Reading- Clerk Treasurer Coffman explained the reasoning for the additional appropriation and City Attorney Craig Wiley explained the litigation. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read Ordinance #2, 2023 into the record. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2, 2023 on first reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

ARPA Request for Security Cameras- Mayor Buckley explained the need to add security cameras at all parks. City Council members had several questions that were answered by Mayor Buckley and Clerk Treasurer Coffman. Councilor Matkins made a motion to table the request to get more information, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Comments-

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Summer is here, please be cautious with kids and pets. Have a good week!

Councilor Matkins- Thank you for coming out. Thanks to Mr. Brown for raising concerns about speeders. Thanks to Ms. Cagen for the remarks and the program. Some people's actions and responsibilities affect others. Cameras are a great idea and long overdue, but the cost needs to be figured out before proceeding.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks for coming. Reminder that June is Pride month!

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thanks to those attending and those watching online. First Friday was a huge success! This program is a big success for the City.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Gave a Beech Grove boys baseball update.

Councilor Day – Thanks for coming, and thanks to those that spoke. Your concerns are not falling on deaf ears. Thank you to our DPW for all that they do!

Councilor Templin- Absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Day moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer