

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call-

Present: City Council Members Kara Ferguson, Elizabeth Lamping, Dave Harrison, Kevin Day, Buddy Templin, Gary Hall, and President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson were present. Also, present, 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.

Approval of Minutes-

May 3, 2021- Councilor Day made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

Public Comments-

Councilor Templin made a motion to limit public comment to citizens of Beech Grove or business owners only, Councilor Day seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of four to three, with Councilors Kara Ferguson, Councilor Robert Ferguson, Councilor Lamping, and Councilor Harrison casting the nay votes.

Joe Grant- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Kim Shepherd- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Kim Sharp- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Herman Koers- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Mike Pence- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Chris Moran- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Dave Grenoble- Beech Grove resident spoke in opposition to the Interlocal Agreement.

Dan McMillan- Beech Grove resident spoke in opposition to the Interlocal Agreement.

Shannon Whitely- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Paul McDermott- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Dan Maddigan- Beech Grove business owner spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Mark Rihm- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Cindy Kirchhofer- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Elizabeth Coons- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of resident Tom Coons.

Mike Hoffman- Beech Grove business owner spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Anna Ottinger- Beech Grove resident spoke in opposition to the Interlocal Agreement.

Mitch Gore- State Representative, non-resident, spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Dennis Buckley- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Mike Reeves- Non-Beech Grove resident, family lives there, spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Scott Williams- Local IFD representative, non-resident, spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Tim Gallagher- Beech Grove resident spoke in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Councilor Comments

Councilor Lamping- Resident Roberta Lee Jones sent an email in support of the Interlocal Agreement.

Councilor Templin- Will be a no vote tonight. The agreement is too much money, a bad contract, and should be a Board of Works issue. Everything the Fire Department has ever asked for; this council has given them.

Councilor Hall- Questioned the \$10,000 fee per fun mentioned by resident Mark Rihm and had questions about personnel, cost per employee, overall cost, and Public Safety Tax.

Councilor Day- Raised concerns about the assets, their appraisal value, and the timeline of getting this agreement passed.

Councilor Harrison- If the agreement goes through and a new engine is needed in two years, who pays for it? Local reps confirmed that IFD would be responsible for that purchase.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Has several concerns including finances, identity, and assets and addressed those concerns.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- We must make a decision for our City and put our pride aside. The safety and fiscal responsibility are important, as is the voice of the forty plus people that reached out to her.

New Business-

Interlocal Agreement with the City of Indianapolis for Fire Suppression Services- Councilor Lamping made a motion to authorize the agreement, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion. Councilors Kara Ferguson, Robert Ferguson, Elizabeth Lamping, and Dave Harrison voted yes in support of the motion. Councilors Kevin Day, Buddy Templin, and Gary Hall voted no. The motion passes by a vote of four to three.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Day moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Templin seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer