

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 5, 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, Elizabeth Lamping and Kara Ferguson were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley and Clerk Treasurer James Coffman. City Attorney Craig Wiley was absent.

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

Moment of Silence was observed for the passing of Mike Curran, State Trooper Aaron Smith, Sgt. Glenn from Tell City, Joe Gilliland, and Peggy Rihm.

Special Presentations-

None

Committee Reports-

RDC Report- Matthew Kochevar, RDC report was provided.

Police Station –Chief Maurice provided an update on the new station, On Patrol Live, and the FBI Academy.

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. The SBOA is currently performing an audit of the ARPA fund for 2023.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$6,413,402.35

ARPA Fund- \$1,081,543.77

Utilities \$2,344,759.73

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$926,636.87

RDC General \$1,135,557.92

Approval of Minutes-

June 5, 2023- Councilor Day 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-

None

Old Business-

None

Ordinance #2, 2023, Additional Appropriation, OPIOID Fund 2nd Reading- Clerk Treasurer Coffman explained the

reasoning for the additional appropriation and the litigation. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read Ordinance #2, 2023 into the record. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2, 2023 on second reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

Ordinance #2, 2023, Additional Appropriation, OPIOID Fund 3rd Reading- Clerk Treasurer Coffman read Ordinance #2, 2023 into the record. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #2, 2023 on 3rd and final reading, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of seven to zero.

New Business-

Parks Board Letter of Support (Smoke Free Parks)- ARPA Request for Security Cameras- This was tabled.

Council Resignations- Council President Pro Tem, Robert Ferguson announced that he and Councilor Kara Ferguson would be resigning their positions effective July 15th, 2023. They will be moving out of Beech Grove to take better care of his aging father who now lives with them. No vote was needed.

Comments-

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Free backpack giveaway at Central Elementary and Servants Heart will have events to help families. All are invited to help. Our community has transformed over the 14 years of living here and we welcome whoever buys our home!

Councilor Matkins- Thanks to both Kara and Robert Ferguson for their help and direction. The new Police Station ribbon cutting was great. Sorry to hear about the passing of Mike Curran. Prayers for the Fergusons on their move. Asked about the progress on cameras in the parks.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks to the Fergusons for serving. We have made good memories. Good luck taking care of family.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- We have many accomplishments over the last several years to be proud of. We worked through COVID, added prayer to Council meetings, Franciscan Trail, Thompson Trail, invested more money into the sewers than ever before, provide competitive wages for the Police Department and much more. There is a lot of great work that has been done. Continued to share thoughts and memories about working with each member of the Council and elected officials.

Councilor Dave Harrison- This is the end of my third and last term as a Council member and this term has been the best. It has been nice to work in a bipartisan way. The new Police Station was needed and a nice tribute to Mayor Wiley. The paving on Hornet Avenue looks great! No sports update this month.

Councilor Day – Congratulations to the Fergusons, you have done well serving. Great job to the Beech Grove Promoters Club on another successful fireworks show.

Councilor Templin- Wish the Fergusons the best. There have been many positives over the last few years.

Mayor Buckley- The recent sewer project is almost complete. Bids on a sewer project along 25th Avenue have been received. The new Station looks great and is something Mayor Wiley fought for. Discussed the FBI Academy.

Chief Maurice- Spoke on the Fergusons, the good work that has been done, the amazing Officers that we have here in the City of Beech Grove, and the work the current Council has done to take care of these Officers.

Rollie Ferguson- I am proud of them and know they are doing this for me. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Robert Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer