

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 1, 2022

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

Roll Call-

City Councilors 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. Councilor Buddy Templin was absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Invocation was presented.

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

Oath of Office- BGPD- Officer Jeremy Reese

Challis Park Incident- Chief Maurice updated on the events that took place.

Public Hearing, Police Station Lease- The public hearing for the lease of the new Police Station took place. There were no public comments during the hearing. Resolution #8, 2022 will be presented later in the meeting.

Councilor Day made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Approval of Minutes-

July 5, 2022- 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 six to zero.

Public Comments-

Jim Redman and Tony Bauer – Residents voiced concerns about the current yard sale rules and ordinances in the City of Beech Grove. Discussions took place about options and concerns that might come from changing the current rules.

Tim Showalter- Resident voiced concerns about making changes to the current yard sales rules. The current rules were put into effect for reason and should not be changed.

Committee Reports-

Police Station Building Corp– Three members were introduced to the Council. Andrew Noone, Matt Nelis, and Cate Quinn

RDC- No meeting or report.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman- Copies of recent ARPA invoices were attached. Also attached to this report was information about a Sewer bank reconciliation adjustment from December 2019. This adjustment has been carried since it occurred. The recent SBOA audit suggested it be cleared from the bank reconciliation with Council approval. Councilor Matkins made a motion to approve the \$2,706.96 adjustment, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$6,219,997.46

ARPA Fund- \$575,281.24

Utilities \$1,803,469.79

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$336,540.99

RDC General \$1,001,249.40

Old Business-

General Ordinance #5, 2022 Environmental Donation Fund- 2nd Reading- General Ordinance #5, 2022 is an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, establishing an Environmental Donation Fund #617 in the Beech Grove Sewage Works Utility. As part of the Recycling program with Rays, the City receives a percentage back from Rays every six months. The recent financial audit recommended a separate fund be created to better track the funds received from Rays. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #5, 2022 on second reading only, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

General Ordinance #6, 2022 Purchasing Goods and Services- 2nd Reading- General Ordinance #6, 2022 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 35 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning the dollar amount a Purchasing Agency must establish when purchasing goods and services through public bidding. The recent financial audit recommended this process be approved with a City Ordinance that outlines what process the City uses when making purchases. Councilor Day made a motion to read Ordinance #6 by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read Ordinance #6, 2022 into the record by title only. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #6, 2022 on second reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote of four to two. Councilors Robert Ferguson and Kevin Day voted against the ordinance.

New Business-

Additional Appropriation, Public Hearing- No one signed up to speak on the issue. Councilor Day made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

General Ordinance #7, 2022 Additional Appropriation- General Ordinance #7, 2022 is an Ordinance that approves an additional appropriation for 2022 including salaries and overtime for Police from the PST, additional EMS employee salaries from the PST, Fire pension, and work at the Community Center that will be reimbursed from BG City Schools. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #7, 2022 on first reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote of six to zero.

RDC Resignation – RDC member Pete Piazza submitted a letter resigning from the RDC due to moving out of the City. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the resignation, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved

by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Resolution #8, 2022 Police Station Lease- Resolution #8, 2022 is a Resolution that authorizes the Mayor of the City of Beech Grove to sign approval to enter into a lease agreement with the Beech Grove Building Corporation on behalf of the City Council for the City of Beech Grove. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Resolution #8, 2022, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Comments-

Councilor Kara Ferguson- National Night Out with the BCPD is Tuesday August 2 at Don Challis Park.

Councilor Matkins – Thanks for coming out. Congrats to the new Officer. The Police station is looking good. Thanks to the Building Corporation members. We will work on the garage sale ordinance to be sure it is the correct decision.

Councilor Lamping- Thank you the Mayor, all the departments that participated and volunteers at the Peace Walk. We must work together to address the issues. Thanks again to our Police Department for all they do.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Congratulations to Officer Reese. It is always a pleasure to have a new Officer join the ranks. We just lost another officer from Elwood and there is still evil out there. The Police Department has been in my thoughts with all the stressful events that have occurred in the last month. Dealing with the families when events happen can be very tough on Officers.

Councilor Harrison- One of the people killed in the Greenwood Mall was a former BG resident. He was a great person and will be missed.

Councilor Day- Thank you for coming. Congratulations and welcome to Officer Reese. See you all at National Night Out.

Councilor Templin – Absent.

Mayor Buckley- Next shredding event is on August 20th behind City Hall!

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Kara Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer