

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 3, 2020

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

Roll Call-

Present: City Council Members, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, Elizabeth Lamping, Kara Ferguson, Robert Ferguson, and President Pro-Tem Gary Hall. Also, present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James W. Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Buddy Templin was absent. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Special Presentations-

Moment of Silence- Mayor Wiley

Proclamation- Women's Suffrage Month

BGPD Swearing in Ceremony- Officer Brian Dellarosa

Approval of Minutes-

July 6, 2020- Councilor Robert Ferguson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

Pam Stallard- Discussed her concerns about allowing prayer at City Council Meetings and feels that would not follow separation of Church and State.

Jane Henry- She sent two separate emails to the Council. First was whether or not there was a speed limit for BGPD Officers while in pursuit along Churchman. Her second concern was in regard to any weight limits that were in place that would prevent large semi-trucks and public transportation buses from traveling along Churchman Avenue.

Anna Ottinger- Requested speed limit signs be placed on Mann Drive between Gilbert and 25th Avenue.

Committee Reports-

ABC – No report.

RDC- Did not meet in July. Bank balance is reported in the Clerk's financial report. Encouraged citizens to drive around the old CSX property to see the work being done to clear the property in preparation for development.

Compliance- Report is in the packet. Cathy Chappell provided updates on the number of tickets being sent and the interactions with the city court.

Greenscape- Did not meet.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$3,495,387.84

Utilities \$948,579.26

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$42,656.19

RDC General \$464,720.35

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Old Business-

General Ordinance #5, 2020- Handicap Parking Permit- Second Reading- This ordinance would change the length of time a Handicap Permit is valid from one year to two years and remove the need to be approved by the BOW.

Councilor Day made a motion to read by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #5 on second reading only, Councilor Kara Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #5, 2020- Handicap Parking Permit- Third Reading- Councilor Day made a motion to read by title only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve General Ordinance #5 on third reading, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

New Business-

Resolution #6, 2020 Credit Card Processing- Clerk Treasurer- Resolution #6 is a resolution adopting a policy for individuals to pay for City goods and services via bank card or debit card. Councilor Kara Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution #6, 2020, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #6, 2020, First Reading- This ordinance would amend Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning traffic schedules, specifically at the new roundabout that was recently constructed at Churchman Bypass, Arlington Avenue, and Big Four Road. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was followed by a unanimous voice vote.

OCRA Grant, Sanitary Sewer Rehab- The City of Beech Grove Sewage Works is applying for \$600,000 in funding to complete lining improvements to our sanitary sewer system. Mike Kleinpeter and Associates will conduct an environmental review prior to applying for the OCRA grant.

Prayer Request, City Attorney- Prayer at the Council meeting is up to the Council. If they allow it, they would have to allow all people to participate, regardless of beliefs. Pastor Bailey and several Councilors voice this approval of allowing prayer at the City Council meetings. Councilor Kara Ferguson made a motion to allow prayer at the beginning of each Council meeting, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was followed by a unanimous voice vote. A vote on this will take place at the next City Council meeting.

Council Comments-

Councilor Harrison – Thanks for coming. Prayer is always a good thing.

Councilor Day – Thanks for coming and congratulations to the new Police Officer Dellarosa.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks for coming. Congratulations to the new Beech Grove Police Officer. Mask up!

Councilor Hall- Congratulations on completion of the Roundabout. Citizens Energy offers assistance to those in need.

Congratulations to Officer Dellarosa. Prayers to Mayor Wiley’s family. We are better off because of him.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Just recently lost her job and is now available for anyone needing career counseling.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Congratulations to Officer Dellarosa. He had some great conversations with Mayor Wiley and always enjoyed talking to him.

City Attorney Craig Wiley- He appreciates the outpouring of support and honor for his father, Warner Wiley. Thanks to the City, Mayor Buckley, and the Police and Fire Departments for his sendoff. His Dad was a walking history and he is excited to share some of the things they have found.

Mayor Buckley- Discussed the meeting schedule for the next couple months.

Pastor Baily- Prayer

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Day seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer