

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 7, 2023

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

Roll Call-

City Council Members Buddy Templin, Dave Harrison, Ryan Matkins, Elizabeth Lamping, and Dan McMillan were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Councilors Chris Duffer and Kevin Day were absent.

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

Moment of Silence was observed for the passing of Ronzell Collins.

Special Presentations-

Newly appointed Council member Dan McMillan was sworn into office by Sheila Wright.

Committee Reports-

RDC Report- No report.

Police Gun Range Update—Chief Maurice provided an update.

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 recently completed their audit of the ARPA fund for 2023. The final report will be ready later this year and forwarded to the Council. ARPA funds not allocated to any project is \$45,457.44.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$5,405,817.88

ARPA Fund- \$635,819.77

Utilities \$2,319,095.97

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$928,090.18

RDC General \$1,135,557.92

Approval of Minutes-

July 5, 2023- Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote of four to zero. Councilor McMillan abstained from voting as a newly appointed Councilor.

Public Comments-

Councilor McMillan asked Chief Maurice about naming the new station after Warner Wiley as approved back in 2019.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Council Pro-Tem Election- Councilor Harrison nominated Councilor Templin to serve as President Pro Tem for the remainder of 2023, Councilor McMillan seconded the motion. Councilor Lamping made a motion to close the nominations and to appoint Councilor Templin as Pro-Tem, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Conflict of Interest Form (New Council Members)- Councilor McMillan submitted a conflict of interest form for approval. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve the form, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Nepotism Form (New Council Members)- Councilor McMillan submitted a nepotism form for approval. Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the form, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Contract Form (New Council Members)- Councilor McMillan submitted a contract form for approval. Councilor Matkins made a motion to approve the form, Councilor Templin seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Ordinance #3, 2023, Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund, 1st Reading- Ordinance #3, 2023 is an ordinance that establishes an "Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund" #2514 for the City of Beech Grove. Any opioid payments outside of the national settlement will be deposited into this fund for uses stated in the ordinance. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read Ordinance #3, 2023 into the record. Councilor McMillan suggested any expenses out of this fund be approved by Council prior to any payments being made. Councilor McMillan made a motion to approve General Ordinance #3, 2023 on 1st reading only, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

Comments-

Councilor Duffer – Absent.

Councilor Templin- Thank you Councilors for the vote of President Pro-Tem. Congratulations to Dan and Chris on joining the Council.

Councilor Day- Absent.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Short meeting! Congratulations to Dan and Chris. Buddy and I have five months to go!

Councilor Lamping- Congratulations to Dan and Chris. August is happiness month. Celebrate what makes you happy!

Councilor Matkins- Congratulations to Dan and Chris. It is good to see your family here. Thanks to everyone for coming.

Councilor McMillan Congratulations to Buddy for being appointed as President Pro-Tem. Thank you to Sheila and Jay Wright for coming, and thanks to Sheila for swearing me in tonight. Thank you to my family for coming. I hope to do good on the Council.

Mayor Buckley- Dates to remember! Council Budget workshop will take place on August 21, 2023. Budget and salary ordinance will be heard on 1st reading only on Tuesday September 5th. Second and third reading will take place on Monday, October 2, 2023 for submittal on the Gateway by the first of November.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Matkins moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer