

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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

Roll Call-

City Council Members Dave Harrison, President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson, Elizabeth Lamping, and Kara Ferguson were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

Councilors Buddy Templin, Kevin Day, and Ryan Matkins were absent.

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

Special Presentations-

Moment of Silence- Military Members killed in Afghanistan, Beech Grove residents Pat Baxter, Vivian Lashbrook, and Charles Lewis

Constitution Week Proclamation- DAR

Servants Heart- ARPA Funds- Bill Boone

Final Plat Approval- Amtrak Industrial Park, Resolution #9, 2021- This resolution makes the August plat division request final. Councilor Dave Harrison made a motion to approve Resolution #9, 2021, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes-

August 2, 2021- Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Kara Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

Police Station Update- No update.

ABC – No update.

RDC- President Matthew Kochevar read a report into the record.

Compliance- Report is in the packet.

Greenscape- No update.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$5,826,454.27

ARPA Fund- \$1,686,182.18

Utilities \$1,879,105.20

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$81,879.17

RDC General \$794,081.11

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$0.00 With one payment on their bond, the balance was transferred to the RDC general fund.

Clerk Treasurer Coffman read a letter into the record asking for Council approval to classify three Funds as dormant.

FUND 475 Churchman Avenue Sidewalk Project - \$4,287.98

FUND 478- Beech Grove Arlington/Churchman Roundabout- \$58,955.58

FUND 479- Main Street Loan Payments- \$14,464.53

FUND 475 and FUND 478 would be transferred to the General Fund and FUND 479 would be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve the funds being classified as dormant and the balances transferred as requested, Councilor Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Resolution #7, 2021, Cares Act Transfer of Funds- Resolution #7, 2021 grants permission to the Clerk Treasurer to transfer \$8,892.79 from the Cares Act Fund to the General Fund. These funds were reimbursed expenses that were received in 2020. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve Resolution #7, 2021, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #6, 2021, Trail Parking, 1st Reading- General Ordinance #6, 2021 is an Ordinance that amends Chapter 78 for the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning street parking for the Franciscan Trail. Residents that live near the newly constructed trail have requested signs be installed near the trail that forbids trail parking. Concerns about how it will be enforced was discussed. Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve General Ordinance #6, 2021 on first reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

American Rescue Plan Agreement- The City of Beech Grove and the Board of Works have agreed to hire Mike Kleinpeter and his firm to help with the development of a plan for the spending of the ARPA money. Mayor Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Coffman, and Council President Robert Ferguson have a meeting with Kleinpeter to get the process started. No vote needed, just information provided.

Comments-

Councilor Templin- Absent.

Councilor Day – Absent.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Thanks for coming. Thank you to Mr. Boone and group for the work they do.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Welcome to his father, Mr. Ferguson, who has served 48 years in law enforcement. Public service runs in the family! Thank you to Servants Heart for the presentation and the work they do.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks for coming and thank you to Servants Heart for the good work.

Councilor Matkins- Absent

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Nothing to add. Thank you to Servants Heart for your service, and thanks for coming.

Mayor Buckley- Several dates to note. September 21, 2021 will be the Council Workshop for the 2022 Budget. The 2022 Budget and salary ordinance will be heard on first reading on October 4th. Second and Third Readings will take place on October 18th, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer