

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 3, 2022

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

Roll Call-

City Councilors Buddy Templin, Dave Harrison, Elizabeth Lamping, and Ryan Matkins were present. Also, present were Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Invocation was presented. President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson, Councilor Kara Ferguson, and Councilor Kevin Day were absent.

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

**Proclamation-** Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness for the month of October.

**David Wright-** David Wright, Alumnus of the Year.

Approval of Minutes-

**September 6, 2022-** Councilor Templin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of four to zero.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

**RDC-** Matthew Kochevar provided the monthly report.

**Financial Report-** Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman- Copies of recent ARPA invoices were attached for review along with copies of the Pension Relief payments received. Also attached to this report was a copy of the recent S&P Ratings report for the City of Beech Grove, with the city receiving a long-term credit rating of A+.

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$7,095,215.31

ARPA Fund- \$1,921,891.89

Utilities \$2,012,730.40

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$1,057,268.13

RDC General \$824,147.35

Old Business-

None

New Business-

**General Ordinance #11, 2022- 2023 Salary Ordinance- 1st Reading-** General Ordinance #11, 2022 is an ordinance that

fixes the salaries for all City of Beech Grove employees, full and part time, along with elected officials. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read the full ordinance into the record. Chief Maurice and Chief Cheshire discussed the salaries and how the increased amounts affect their respective departments. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #11, 2022 on 1st reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote of four to zero.

**General Ordinance #12, 2022- 2023 Budget - 1st Reading-** General Ordinance #12, 2022 is an ordinance that sets the budget and appropriations for all departments within the City of Beech Grove for 2023. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read the full ordinance into the record. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #12, 2022 on 1st reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote of four to zero.

Comments-

**Councilor Templin** – Mr. Wright, thank you and congratulations! I might not make the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> budget and salary ordinance meeting, but I am fully behind and support them. We have great services, and we need to keep these people. I am available to talk if anyone has questions. Thompson Road project looks nice.

**Councilor Day-** Absent.

**Councilor Harrison-** Congratulations to Mr. Wright, that was a great presentation. One question about elected officials and salaries. Would there be a way to regularly increase their pay every four years if the budget would allow. Great work to the Clerk and Mayor for all the hard work, you all make it look easy!

**Councilor Robert Ferguson-** Absent.

**Councilor Lamping-** Thrilled to be part of another successful budget and salary ordinance. Our employees deserve these raises, and I am happy to be part of it. There is a lot to be proud of.

**Councilor Matkins** – The budget is looking good and I am happy to be part of a City that is doing so well. Great to see David being honored and getting his own day. National SIDS month, which is great, and I hope to do the walk so I can see the entire trail.

**Councilor Kara Ferguson-** Absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer