

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 4, 2021

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call-

City Council Members Buddy Templin, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, 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.

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

Special Presentations-

Moment of Silence- Earnie Lewis

Proclamation- Pregnancy Loss Awareness October

Approval of Minutes-

September 7, 2021- Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

Police Station Update- A rough draft layout has been developed. Land acquisition has started with help of counsel and appraisals of property have been requested.

BG Fire Services Agreement Update- The process continues for the transfer of services to IFD. The Station will be known as Station 40 and Engine 40 for Beech Grove.

ABC – Two renewals, El Morral and Katsumi’s Kitchen.

RDC- Budget will be presented to Council on October 18th.

Compliance- Report is in the packet.

Greenscape- No update.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$6,503,292.12

ARPA Fund- \$1,686,182.18

Utilities \$1,433,263.96

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$81,879.17

RDC General \$790,992.07

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$0.00

Old Business-

None

New Business-

General Ordinance #7, 2021, 2022 Salary Ordinance, 1st Reading- Clerk Treasurer Coffman read the ordinance into the record. Discussion is had on the salary ordinance and what the DPW is currently being paid. Councilor Day suggests increasing DPW salaries between 5% to 8%. Numbers will be calculated and presented for the second reading. Councilor Day makes a motion to approve General Ordinance #7 on first reading only, Councilor Harrison seconds the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #8, 2021, 2022 Budget, 1st Reading- General Ordinance #8, 2021 is read into the record by Clerk Treasurer Coffman. City of Beech Grove Financial Advisor, Jeff Peters, discusses the proposed budget, increased assessed values, increased tax levy, and says the proposed budget is more than balanced. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance #8 on first reading only, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing, 2022 Salary Ordinance and Budget- No comments. Councilor Harrison made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilor Templin seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Interlocal Agreement, Thompson Trail Right of Way- The City of Indianapolis owns the right of way where the Thompson Trail is planned. This agreement states that the City of Beech Grove will own the trail and be responsible for maintaining the trail for forty years. Construction on the Thompson Trail is scheduled to begin in spring of 2022. Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the Agreement with Indianapolis, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Comments-

Councilor Templin- Earnie Lewis had a positive impact on the City of Beech Grove and will be missed. Buddy will be absent for the next meeting. We can do better for our employees. Thanks to Jim Coffman for help with a sewer issue.

Councilor Day – This is a good strong budget. We need to show the employees our appreciation.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Thanks for coming. This is a good budget. Earnie Lewis will be missed. A football update was provided.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- This budget is moving in the right direction. We need to be less reliant on the sewer funds and this is a good start. Thanks to the employees for sticking with us.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks to all that worked on the budget. Fair wages for all employees is very important.

Councilor Matkins- Thanks for coming. The numbers of this budget are large but are doable. It is good to come together with an understanding and respect for our employees.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Thank you to Jim Coffman for all his work on this budget. It is an art and a talent to be able to do it in a balanced way.

Mayor Buckley- Shred day is Saturday October 16th from 9:00 to noon behind City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer