

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 17, 2022

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

Roll Call-

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

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

**RDC 2023 Budget-** RDC President Matthew Kochevar presented the 2023 budget for the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission and discussed some of the potential work that is possible in 2023. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the RDC Budget for 2023, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

**Resolution #9, 2022, 201 Bethel TIF District-** Resolution #9, 2022 is a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, approving Redevelopment Commission Resolution No. 6-2022 as consistent with the plan of development for the City. Representatives from K & W spoke about their plans for the site and moving their company operations to the City of Beech Grove. Financial Consultant Jeff Peters spoke on what this does financially for the City and the RDC. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the Resolution #9, 2022, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Approval of Minutes-

**October 3, 2022-** Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

None

Old Business-

**General Ordinance #11, 2022, 2023 Salary Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-** General Ordinance #11, 2022 is a salary ordinance fixing the by-weekly rate for appointed and elected officials, and employees for the City of Beech Grove, Indiana in the year 2023. Councilor Robert Ferguson made a motion to read General Ordinance #11, 2022 by title only, Councilor Day seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read the Salary ordinance by title only. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #11, 2022 on second reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

**General Ordinance #11, 2022, 2023 Salary Ordinance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading-** General Ordinance #11, 2022 is a salary ordinance

fixing the by-weekly rate for appointed and elected officials, and employees for the City of Beech Grove, Indiana in the year 2023. Councilor Day made a motion to read General Ordinance #11, 2022 by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Clerk Treasurer Coffman read the Salary ordinance by title only. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #11, 2022 on third and final reading, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

**General Ordinance #12, 2022, 2023 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #12, 2022 on second reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Financial Consultant Jeff Peters spoke on the budget and how it will be fully funded, while reducing taxes and paying for a new police station.

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#### New Business-

**General Ordinance #14, 2022 Police Station Financing- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading-** General Ordinance #14, 2022 is an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, approving matters relating to the financing of the Project; and ratifying and approving distribution of a preliminary official statement. Clerk Treasurer James Coffman read General Ordinance #14, 2022 into the record. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #14, 2022 on first reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

**General Ordinance #14, 2022 Police Station Financing- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-** Councilor Lamping made a motion to hear General Ordinance #14, 2022 on three readings tonight, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Councilor Day made a motion to hear General Ordinance #14, 2022 by title only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve General Ordinance #14, 2022 on second reading only, Councilor Lamping seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

**General Ordinance #14, 2022 Police Station Financing- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading-** Councilor Matkins made a motion to hear General Ordinance #14, 2022 by title only, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #14, 2022 on third and final reading, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of six to zero.

Comments-

**Councilor Kara Ferguson-** The Community Center has a pop-up pantry on Fridays from 3:30 to 6:00 and looking for volunteers.

**Councilor Matkins** – It is great to be part of another balanced budget. Things are stable and everything looks good. Welcome to K & W. Great to give an increase to the Police, it can never be enough for the work they do, but it's a good start.

**Councilor Lamping-** Ask the Council to consider using ARPA funds to assist in security, lighting, and upgrades to many areas and buildings in the City and feels this would be a good thing to use the funds for.

**Councilor Robert Ferguson-** Thanks for coming. Glad we could assist businesses in moving here and happy they chose Beech Grove. One of my goals was to make Beech Grove a destination not a drive through. I am happy we can take care of our employees that are the backbone to our City. A tweet was read into the record from FOP President Snyder stating Officers in Beech Grove are now paid higher than Indy Officers. Congratulations!

**Councilor Harrison-** So we are going to help get Bobby a raise now! Congratulations to K&W! Appreciate the work done by the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer and everyone else involved with this budget. This is a good budget.

**Councilor Day-** Welcome to K&W and thanks to everyone that came out tonight. Clerk, you guys did a great job on the budget and it takes months of work. I am happy to see the increases and agree with what Bobby said.

**Councilor Templin** – Absent.

**Mayor Buckley-** Thank you to the Council for the good work you have done, not just tonight, but this entire year. The City is better off because of the decisions all of you have made.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Matkins seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer