

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 2, 2020

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Roll Call-

Present: City Council Members, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, Elizabeth Lamping, Kara Ferguson, Robert Ferguson, Buddy Templin, and President Pro-Tem Gary Hall. 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 by Pastor Dickinson.

Special Presentations-

Public Hearing- OCRA Grant- Mike Kleinpeter, grant administrator, discussed the grant process and the steps that would be taken in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Buckley discussed the project in detail and answered questions.

Approval of Minutes-

NONE

Public Comments-

Dave Grenoble- An email was read on his behalf. He supports the OCRA grant for sewer repairs, mentioned it years ago, and has supported it from the start.

Kelly Jones- Resident of Beech Meadows Apartments. She has lived there through two disasters and is asking for help. Her apartment is not habitable from a fire that occurred in the building earlier this year, even though she has continued to pay her rent, with no help from the property owners.

Kevin Kocher- An email was read into the record that was emailed to all Council members, Mayor, and Clerk Treasurer, regarding the sewer and the need to develop a plan to repair and mitigate the stormwater from infiltrating the system.

Anna Ottinger- The last meeting was closed to the public due to the surging Coronavirus numbers. She was curious if any Council members read their emails. She told the Council they are here for us, so they should vote how we want them to.

Committee Reports-

ABC – One renewal.

RDC- Met last month, claims docket was approved. Agreed to work with the city to improve the property in front of three businesses on Main Street. Vote on TIF area changes regarding the old hospital property, the surrounding buildings, and the new Crossroads facility.

Compliance- none.

Greenscape- No meeting.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$2,148,607.48

Utilities \$1,264,268.40

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$34,894.44

RDC General \$360,205.82

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Old Business-

General Ordinance #10, 2020- 2nd Reading- Councilor Kara Ferguson made a motion to read by title only, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance #10 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove pursuant to Through Streets and Stop Streets. The Ordinance would place stop signs at the intersection of 2nd and Alton, the intersection of Grovewood and Gerry Drive, and the intersection of Grovewood and Edwards Drive. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #10, 2020 on second reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #10, 2020- 3rd Reading- Councilor Day made a motion read by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #10, 2020 on third reading, Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

New Business-

Resolution #10, 2020- OCRA Funding- Resolution authorizes the submittal of the wastewater grant application to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve Resolution #10, 2020, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution #11, 2020- TIF District- A resolution approving the Redevelopment Commission Resolution #9, 2020 as consistent with the plan of development for the City. Alex Carlisle and Jeff Peters discussed the process and benefits of the resolutions and TIF area changes. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve Resolution #11, 2020, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Comments-

Councilor Harrison – Thanks for coming. Go out and vote.

Councilor Day – Thanks for coming and thanks to those that spoke.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks for coming. Stay safe and well.

Councilor Hall- Go out and vote. Thanks to the DPW for the great job they do. Congrats to the Highschool football team on a great season. There is a Veterans service out front of City hall and all are welcome to attend.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Go out and vote.

Councilor Templin- No comment.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- I am thankful that we opened the meeting to the public tonight. Go out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Lamping moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer