

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 6, 2021

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

Roll Call-

City Council Members Buddy Templin, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, President Pro-Tem Robert Ferguson, Elizabeth Lamping, Kara Ferguson, 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.

Moment of Silence was observed.

Special Presentations-

Beech Grove Parks, ARPA- Tara Wolf

Approval of Minutes-

November 1, 2021- Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

None

Committee Reports-

Police Station – Mediation for land acquisition has started.

IFD/BGFD Update- Chief Cheshire provided an update on BG EMS.

ABC- none

RDC- Matthew Kochevar provided an update.

Compliance- Report is in the packet.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$5,008,663.50

ARPA Fund- \$1,256,989.92

Utilities \$1,764,630.71

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$77,356.57

RDC General \$785,480.72

Old Business-

General Ordinance #6, 2021, Trail Parking, 2nd 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. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve General Ordinance #6, 2021 on second reading only, Councilor Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #9, 2021, 2nd Reading- General Ordinance #9, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove that controls Traffic Schedules. This ordinance was introduced by Councilor Day who recommends installing a stop sign at the intersection of 4th and Birch. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Ordinance #9, 2021 on second reading only, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #9, 2021, 3rd Reading- General Ordinance #9, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove that controls Traffic Schedules. Councilor Day made a motion to read Ordinance #9, 2021 by title only, Councilor Bobby Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Ordinance #9, 2021 on third reading, Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #10, 2021, 2nd Reading- General Ordinance #10, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 73 (Pedestrians) in the City of Beech Grove Code of Ordinances that establishes rules concerning the "Franciscan Trail." This ordinance and the rules stated were recommended by the Parks Board. Councilor Lamping made a motion to add the ban of tobacco back into the Ordinance, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve Ordinance #10, 2021 on second reading only, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #10, 2021, 3rd Reading- General Ordinance #10, 2021 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 73 (Pedestrians) in the City of Beech Grove Code of Ordinances that establishes rules concerning the "Franciscan Trail." Councilor Day made a motion to read Ordinance #10, 2021 by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Lamping made a motion to approve Ordinance #10, 2021 on third reading, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #11, 2021, 2nd Reading- General Ordinance #11, 2021 is an ordinance that modifies several ordinances due to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Indianapolis concerning Fire Protection and Inspection Services. Councilor Templin made a motion to read by title only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which failed with a vote of six to one. Councilor Day voted no. General Ordinance #11 was read into the record. Councilor Matkins made a motion to approve Ordinance #11, 2021 on second reading only, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote of five to two. Councilor Templin and Councilor Day voted against the motion.

New Business-

General Ordinance #13, 2021, 1st Reading- General Ordinance #13, 2021 is an Ordinance that amends the 2021 Salary Ordinance to establish “Essential Employee COVID –19 Premium Pay” from the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 176 for Premium Pay in 2021. Councilor Templin made a motion to read Ordinance #13 on three readings, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance #13, 2021 was read into the record. Councilor Templin made a motion to approve General Ordinance 13, 2021 on first reading only, Councilor Matkins seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Comments-

Councilor Templin- The essential pay salary ordinance is a great thing. Best wishes to the employees, citizens, and Council.

Councilor Day – Appreciate all. Merry Christmas.

Councilor Dave Harrison- Thanks for coming. It has been a good year and a lot has been done.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thanks to all for coming. Covid pay is a good thing. Happy Holidays!

Councilor Lamping- It has been great to work with the current Council and a lot of good has been done. The City is left in a good place. Stay well!

Councilor Matkins- It has been a pleasure to serve. The City is in good shape and looking forward to 2022. Merry Christmas, stay safe, stay well!

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Supporter Dan Wyss recently passed away. A celebration of life will take place next year.

Mayor Buckley- The Council and Clerk have done some heavy lifting this year. Kudos to all for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk-Treasurer