

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Dave Harrison, Jim Brooks, Ed Bell, Kevin Day, Chris Duffer, and Elizabeth Lamping. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Annual City Court Update- *presented by Judge Wells*

Economic Development Commission- *presented by Manny Herzeg/Lewis & Kappes*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Duffer asked that on page 9 the spelling of Collin Rhynes name be corrected. Councilor Brooks mentioned that Webb Huntzinger's name needs to be corrected also. Councilor Lamping stated that Narcan was misspelled again. Councilor Lamping commented that the Clerk-Treasurer stated in his report that he transferred money on Saturday. Clerk-Treasurer McMillan explained that he works on Saturday's and does transfer money online on Saturday's. Also, Councilor Lamping asked that where it states "Mayor Buckley chose to keep the carpet in their offices" be changed to read "his" offices. Clerk-Treasurer McMillan commented that it is for the Mayor and Julie's offices, but it is corrected as requested. Councilor Duffer commented on the amendments. Councilor Brooks moved to approved the minutes as amended. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Coffman- gave an update on the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Youth Council – BGHS student gave an update on the sports teams and robotics

RDC Committee – No meeting

ABC – Ashley Piland reported that there was one renewal for the Fraternal Order of the Moose on Emerson.

Greenscape Commission – Report on file.

Compliance Division- Report on file. Derek Blice has accepted a position in Amsterdam to take over the day to day operations of a small company. Mayor Buckley and the Council congratulated him and wished him well; while recognizing his service to the city

Public Safety – Chief Swartz reported that IDACS is an ongoing conversation with IMPD. They have several questions and they are a big agency. Beech Grove Police is waiting on Indianapolis and Speedway is continuing to assist for a short time. City Attorney Craig Wiley commented that it is his understanding that they will provide the service free of charge but after the Chief has everything ironed out, the City will most likely enter into a memorandum of understanding.

Financial Report- Clerk-Treasurer, Dan McMillan

Good Evening Councilors,

On December 16, 2016, we paid off our 2016 TAW in the amount of \$924,012.83. Our property tax money came in on December 28, 2015. The City received \$2,318,106.20, Sewage Special Collections were \$65,445.33 and the RDC received \$288,806.58. I transferred the Sewage and RDC on December 30th. I have included a copy of the Form 22 with my financial statement. We made a payment on the 2015A (refinanced 2005 Revenue bond) in the amount of \$36,883.15, and a payment on the senior bus in the amount of \$5,630.98. Our 2016 TAW is not finalized yet and won't be closed until the end of January. I will report on that in February. I anticipate it to be just under 1.3 million. The RDC closed on their bond. Please note the Debt Reserve Account now has a balance of \$240,000.00 vs. the \$584,842.97 it did have. The last memo I received from Jeff Peters stated "along with the waiver of premiums, produces a net value savings of \$134,000.00 over the currently outstanding redevelopment bonds". I transferred \$400,000.00 from the Rainy-Day Fund to the Beech Grove Health Insurance Trust Run-Out Claims fund. We paid out the \$400,000.00 as well as an additional \$115,146.04 in claims. Most of which we should receive reimbursement for. Unified will be handling the run-out claims and their charge for closing out the process was \$12,540.72 and that too has been paid. We sent IACT a check for just over \$300,000.00; which will cover our January and February payments and part of March too. The city will continue to make the health savings contributions to the employee's accounts through the first half of 2017 and we're hoping to be able to continue that through all of 2017, it will depend on the claims that come in after January 1, 2017; which the city is now 100% responsible for.

The City Website continues to grow and is a great asset to the citizens. It is a valuable resource to many. It still has not cost the taxpayers one penny since its inception. Community events can be added free of charge by emailing me at dan.mcmillan@beechgrove.com. Thanks to the website volunteers who continue to keep it updated at no cost to the taxpayers. Financial Reports, Debt Service, Bank Balances and more can be found on the City Website at www.beechgrove.com.

The bank balances are listed below:

City Corporation	\$4,328,486.05
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$840,308.22
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$272,814.63
City Court	\$54,592.50
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$180,364.86
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$459,567.23
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$240,000.00
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,353.31
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,165.35

As always, if you have any questions my door is always open. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

OLD BUSINESS:

[General Ordinance No. 26, 2016](#)

...Amends Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Pursuant to One-Way Streets and Alleys

Councilor Duffer moved to read General Ordinance No.26, 2016 into the record by Title only. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 26, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No.27, 2016

...Amends Chapter 96 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Pursuant to Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Councilor Duffer moved to read the ordinance into the record by Title only. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 27, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Pro Tem Appointment:

Councilor Duffer nominated Bud Templin. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. Councilor Bell nominated Councilor Lamping. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion. Councilor Templin moved to close the nominations. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilor Templin was elected 5-0, with Councilor Bell and councilor Lamping voting Councilor Liz Lamping.

RDC Appointment:

Don Webb and Linda Belner were the two appointments that were up for reappointment. Kevin Day nominated Jay Oswalt. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion. Councilor Lamping nominated Donald Webb. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion. Councilor Bell nominated Linda Belner. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion. Councilor Duffer moved to close the nominations. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The Council voted on the nominations. Those appointed as members to the RDC are Donald Webb, receiving seven votes, Jay Oswalt, receiving five votes, and Linda Belner, two votes.

BZA Appointments:

Councilor Harrison nominated Julie Weaver. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion. Councilor Harrison nominated Dawn Whalen. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion. Councilor Duffer nominated Dianna Hendricks. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. No new names were submitted, so nominations were closed and these three were appointed.

General Ordinance #22, 2016 – Councilor Templin moved to amend the police certification pay to \$125.00 per pay or \$3,250.00 annually. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Conflict of Interest: Councilor Brooks moved to approve the Conflict of Interest statements. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Contract Forms: Councilor Harrison moved to approve. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Nepotism Forms: Councilor Harrison moved to approve the Nepotism Forms. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Day- Thanked everyone for coming and wished Derek the best of luck.

Councilor Duffer- No comment.

Councilor Lamping-This Council is working for progress in the New Year. The Portage comparison troubles me, Portage is in Porter County and has a population of 36,828. It is the largest city in Porter County and the third largest in Northwest, Indiana. Beech Grove has a population of 14,340 per the 2012 census. Portage has 27.61 square miles, Beech grove has 4.39 miles, Portage has 6 parks ranging from 33 acres to 276 acres, over 8 public schools, they have their own wastewater plant and their own public marina, their household income is \$54,316 compared to Beech Grove \$46,944. Portage is a second-class city and Beech Grove is a third-class city. I think it is beneficial and it is proper to make comparisons as we make progress and press upon our citizens to make changes as far as increases but it's not fair to make those comparisons to Beech Grove when there is such a vast difference between the two cities.

Councilor Bell- Good luck to Derek. He did a fine job getting the compliance program started from the ground floor. Thanks to everyone for coming and Happy New Year to everybody.

Councilor Harrison-Thanks to Derek, my wife enjoyed working with you, and by the way the fence is down again. Happy New Year to everyone. Liz, I will try my darndest to make sure the next time I get a comparison it's within the realms of Beech Grove, I am so, so, sorry for that.

Councilor Brooks- Thanks to everyone for showing up. Happy New Year and thanks to the Council for the work they are putting in.

Councilor Templin- Congratulated all the Boards and Commissions, most of these people are not compensated they do it to benefit their City. I receive a check. The Council has done very well working together and been very respectful and he thinks that has been a plus for the Council. He thanked the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer for their good work. He Thanked Jim Coffman for reporting on the good works of The Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Buckley stated that he included some information in the Council packets on stormwater rates. He gave a brief review of what the previous Council did with stormwater rates, staggering the increases. The average stormwater rate state wide is \$5.36 per month and Beech Grove is \$3.00, which includes the most recent rate hike as of January 1, 2017,. He also commented on the Star Advertisement that Wessler released; which included information on the city's stormwater system. That was released as public information because Citizen's Energy was requesting it and Mayor Buckley felt it should be released to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn. Councilor lamping seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm. The next Council meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk- Treasurer