

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council Members, Buddy Templin, Jim Brooks, Dave Harrison, Vito Mascari, Elizabeth Lamping, Chris Duffer and Kevin Day. 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

Election of President Pro Tem

Councilor Brooks nominated Councilor Templin. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Community Crossings Certificate

The most recent Community Crossings Grant that the City of Beech Grove received was in the amount of **\$89,955.00**. A certificate was presented to Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan.

Beech Grove School Choice Week Proclamation

January 20th- January 26th has been proclaimed school choice week.

Vision Zero – MPO

Anna Gremling gave a presentation on Vision Zero; which is a program that is trying to obtain zero fatalities and zero serious injuries as it relates to crashes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 3, 2018 – Councilor Brooks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bayer – spoke to the positives of Beech Grove. He also addressed the negative eyesores around the city and the need for more police patrols on the city streets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC – None

Green Scape Commission – No meeting in December

Compliance Division – in the Packet

Public Safety – in the packet

Financial Report – presented by Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan

In December we paid a lease/purchase payment on the Senior Center Bus in the amount of \$5, 630.98

We also made a payment on the 2015A Revenue Bond in the amount of \$34,478.15. As you may recall this was the 2005A Revenue Bond that was refinanced to save the city over \$70,000.00. No additional monies were borrowed, the interest was reduced.

Stormwater Fund Balance in December - \$269,005.19

We are still waiting on the air packs to arrive, so that loan has not been closed yet.

In early November we completed an audit with the State Board of Accounts for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. It began in October and was expected to last until the end of the year, however with the information provided quickly and efficiently they were able to complete that in a much shorter time frame. Because the audit was completed in a shorter time frame the cost will be less than the \$14,500.00, they originally quoted us. The results still have not been released.

Councilor Frank Mascari brought it to my attention that new public safety personnel can be paid from the Public Safety LIT Tax. Indiana Code specifically speaks to what can be paid from this fund and salaries are not listed, but after speaking to Bart Brown, Indianapolis Controller and Charlie Pride, State Board of Accounts, both have confirmed that Councilor Frank Mascari is correct, so an additional paramedic will be hired, and an additional police officer was hired at the end of 2018. An additional appropriation will be done this year to pay those salaries from Public Safety Fund.

Also, the State of Indiana has changed the laws regarding the Motor Vehicle and Highway Fund #201 monthly distribution. An additional restrictive Fund #203 must be established, and half of the monthly distribution must be deposited into the new fund. That money has strict guidelines on what it can be used for. Council can forge a starting balance into that fund with all or part of the 2018 remaining balance of the MVH 201 Fund or they can do nothing. If Council decides to move part of the MVH 2018

remaining balance they should understand that it doesn't count toward the 50% of the monthly distribution, it will just be added as additional money.

Our total MVH budget is approximately 1.5 million. Our monthly distribution last year totaled approximately \$635,257.00 and I diverted COIT/LIT funds in the amount of \$361,560.00 into the fund. The 2019 budget I diverted \$575,000.00 of COIT/LIT Funds and this revenue does not fall under the 50% rule, so it will remain in the 201 Fund. In 2019 we budgeted \$520,000 for the Round-about and \$183,000 for Thompson Road sidewalks, both of which the majority should be able to be paid from the restrictive fund. The MVH 201 Fund had a balance on 12/31/2018 of \$409,199.00. Personally, I don't see what the advantage would be to move all of that to the restricted fund, because I believe we still have to pay engineers fees and other project costs from the MVH #201, so I would feel more comfortable leaving at least \$200,000 in the MVH fund and using an additional appropriation if we need to at the end of the year.

We are currently preparing for the 2018 Annual report, updating the gateway, completing the 101R and completing the Pension Relief updates on INPRS. It is a very busy time of the year and a difficult time of year, but it is my last, so I feel relieved with that.

The website and other city tech programs crashed over the weekend but all of it is back up and running.

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	\$4,882,862.34
Utilities	\$663,215.40
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF)	\$159,405.95
RDC General	\$720,410.33
RDC Debt Service (DSR)	\$240,000.00
2004 SRF Debt Service (DSR)	\$139,214.45
2015A Refunding Bond Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$69,088.27

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.17, 2018

...amends Chapter 77 of the Code of ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Concerning Through Streets and Stop Streets

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2019 RDC Budget

Councilor Templin moved to approve the budget. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Appointments

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mike Garrett -Councilor Templin moved to reappoint Mike Garrett to the BZA. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Julie Weaver – Councilor Templin moved to reappoint Julie Weaver to the BZA. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Dawn Whalen -Resigned

The Council needs to nominate another person as they have 3 appointments.

Greenscape Commission

Sonjay Palmer – Councilor Templin moved to appoint Sonjay Palmer to the Greenscape Commission. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Redevelopment Commission

Tara Wolf -Councilor Duffer moved to reappoint Tara Wolf to the Redevelopment Commission. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Don Webb - Councilor Templin moved to reappoint Don Webb to the Redevelopment Commission. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution No.1, 2019

...is a Resolution that is in Support of a Regional Vision Initiative

Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan read the resolution into the record.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution No.2, 2019

...is a Resolution to Encumber Funds

Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan read the resolution into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Conrad Consulting – Todd Burtron

A presentation was given on the services they offer as well as the cost in developing an RFP for the potential sale of the City of Beech Grove Utility Business.

Councilor Mascari moved to approve securing the services of Conrad Consulting and Training to develop an RFP for the potential sale of the City of Beech Grove Utility Business. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Conflict Forms, Nepotism & Contract Forms were turned in.

General Ordinance No. 15, 2018

Amend the salary ordinance to include the 2% raise for the mayor and Clerk Treasurer on the utility portion of their pay.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the amendment. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Templin - He thanked the Mayor for coming forward. He wants to go out with Cathy, Chappell, from Compliance on her job and bring some of that before Council. He congratulated all who received their appointments. Please keep thoughts in mind for one of his employees who had an emergency.

Councilor Brooks - Thanked everyone for coming. I think were on the right track for getting things done. Relay for Life- Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, February 9, 2019, 12:00pm – 3:00pm at the Community Center.

Councilor Harrison – Thanked everyone for coming. Thanked the Mayor for all the information he learned a lot tonight. He encouraged everyone to attend the Beech Grove basketball games. They are a lot of fun and the kids are well behaved on the floor and in the bleachers. Also, the JV team has not lost a game.

Councilor Mascari- Thanks to everyone who came out.

Councilor Lamping – Thank you to everyone wonderful, informative meeting, so thanks everyone so much. Lets' look forward to really good progress in 2019. Let's step it off and keep it going.

Councilor Duffer: Congratulations to Buddy, Pro-Tem. Thanks to the appointees for serving another year and thanks to everyone who came out.

Councilor Day: Thanks to everyone that came and had a chance to speak. It was a very informative meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duffer moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer