

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2016**

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, Kevin Day, Chris Duffer, and Elizabeth Lamping. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Absent, Councilor Bell.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Buckley read a proclamation, which proclaimed October 9-October 15, 2016, Fire Prevention Week. The proclamation encourages citizens to change smoke alarms every ten years. The manufacturers expiration date can be located on the back of smoke alarms. It also encourages people to participate in the many public safety services offered during Fire Prevention Week. Chief Cheshire gave a brief description of how the week originally started; which was in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which started, October 8, 1871. That fire burned out of control for over 36 hours; it burnt over 900,000 homes and 2,000 acres. Three hundred people perished in that fire. During Fire Prevention Week, the fire department will be helping senior citizens by checking their smoke detectors and replacing those, if needed. He thanked everyone for their support and the Beech Grove Firefighters for their service, especially the C shift for coming down tonight. Special thanks were given to Operator, Dave Ansel, who will be retiring in 2017. Operator Ansel helped implement the CPR program for 8th grade students.

HUD Grant Closeout

Mayor Buckley passed out a spreadsheet they created on the HUD Grant; which has been completed. Clerk-Treasurer McMillan congratulated Mayor Buckley and Clerk Debbie Springer for their work on it. Mayor Buckley invited the Council to an open house at the Community Center on October 27th and the At-Risk -Youth program will be unveiled.

Legal Questions

City Attorney, Craig Wiley stated the City of Beech Grove can enact more stringent ordinances than the county. This law can be found under the Home Rule Act, IC 36-1-3. Questions have been raised regarding farm animals. Craig explained that if a citizen wants the ordinance changed, they would have to convince the Council to change the ordinance, or petition the BZA for a variance. Compliance will enforce the ordinance as it is currently written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pam Stallard – Spoke on the animal ordinance, she wants a miniature goat for a pet only.

Tammy Wellington - Spoke on the animal ordinance, she is in favor of allowing farm animals within reason.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the minutes subject to the name correction of Trump being replaced with Webb. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayors Youth Council: The high school principal gave a report on the happenings at the high school; which included the community service day, fall break and the Wizard of Oz; which is in November 10, 11, and 12. The band is doing great and sectionals are beginning.

RDC: No Report

ABC: Report on file

Greenscape Commission: Report on file

Financial: Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan

Good Evening Councilors,
The budget process is completed and I want to thank the Budget Committee; which included Councilors, Duffer, Harrison & Templin they put in many hours communicating, questioning and working this budget. It was especially beneficial having Councilor Duffer serve, because of his expertise in being the former Clerk-Treasurer. It also was very beneficial having the other two serve, because Councilor Harrison is a researcher, always looking for facts, and Councilor Templin is a negotiator and communicator, so they worked well together and the Citizens of Beech Grove are the beneficiaries of that process. I also want to thank Mayor Buckley, Department Heads, the Police, Fire and other Employees for their input, and the entire Council for passing the 2017 budget. It is a good budget and I want to make sure that we clarify that this budget, (as with past budgets) does not increase taxes. At the city level we don't do that. The tax dollars we receive are governed by state and county laws and we have to budget within those dollar amounts. Even when we seek additional appropriations we have to prove that we have the additional funding for that, so I just wanted to make sure everyone is clear on that, as I have had several citizens question me on it.

In September, we paid lease/purchase payments on the following:
2015 Police Cars –\$12, 729.18

We have begun the paperwork for the TAW and, I also have been in communication with Christian Duncan regarding the insurance for employees. The numbers are not available until after October 31st. We will be putting together an insurance committee very soon. On November 1st we will begin purchasing our natural gas for all municipal buildings from Kinetrix. This will generate a 15% savings to the city in natural gas costs.

The city website continues to grow and is a great asset to the Citizens and is a valuable resource to many. It still has not cost the taxpayers one penny since its inception. Thanks to the website Volunteers who continue to keep it updated at no cost to the Taxpayers. Financial Reports, Debt Service, Bank Balances, agendas, minutes, and community events can be found on the website at www.beechgrove.com

Community events can be added free of charge by emailing me at dan.mcmillan@beechgrove.com

The bank balances are listed below:

Bank Account	Balance
City Corporation	\$4,058,537.26
Stormwater, Wastewater	\$ 803,501.21
Criminal Investigation (CIF)	\$ 165,482.27
City Court	\$ 146,059.50
RDC General	\$ 202,635.01
RDC Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$ 584,842.97
SRF 2004 (DSR)	\$ 136,291.77
2015A Huntington Bank Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$ 64,149.23

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer

Compliance Division: Derek Blice reported all the data is back up and running and the servers at the fire department are working again. He reported specifics on numbers of addresses they visited, repeat offenders, re-inspections, tickets, vehicle tags and addresses reported to Marion County Board of Health. He also reported they have a different vehicle and a Microsoft service tablet; which allows them to make their operation mobile. This has resulted in a huge amount of time savings and paper. He also explained that the violations and fees are set-up in the ordinances. He also reported that they are in the process of trying to get approval to secure addresses from BMV for abandoned vehicles.

Public Safety: Report on file

OLD BUSINESS:

[General Ordinance No. 18, 2016](#)

...Amends Chapter 78 pursuant to parking

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. General Ordinance No.18, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

[General Ordinance No. 19, 2016](#)

...Amends Chapter 77 pursuant to Stop Signs

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.19, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

[General Ordinance No. 20, 2016](#)

...Establishes a Social Media Policy

[Guide to the Police Department's Facebook Policy](#)

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.20, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

[General Ordinance No 21, 2016](#)

...Amends the entire Personnel Manual for the City of Beech Grove

Councilor Duffer moved to read 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.21, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 25, 2016

...Creates a Department of Economic Development

Councilor Duffer moved to read by title only. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.25, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Day- No comment.

Councilor Duffer- Thanks to the folks that did come.

Councilor Lamping- I just want to thank the young folks from the Beech Grove Band, James and Katie Cox, they work very hard to be in the band, and I hope we can all support them and reach out to them and help them with their efforts to make money to support their band membership dues.

Councilor Bell- Absent

Councilor Harrison- No comment.

Councilor Brooks- I just want to thank all you diehards who stayed here.

Councilor Templin- I was going to share a piece on here from the public safety report that the Chief turned in mentions about a home invasion suspect was caught by dayshift while riding bicycles, so there is a good piece of news and also, about the bicycles. Also, I want to thank the Mayor and the City Attorney for addressing the animal issues, somebody comes forward like that you give them also an avenue on how to speak their mind a little stronger whether it's zoning or this Council, so I thought that was a real good thing. I agree with Jim on the economic development ordinance, they have an awful lot of power within this group, so it's something to read and talk about in the future.

Mayor Buckley –

October 10th - the administrative offices will be closed for Columbus Day

October 12th & 26th - MPO meeting at Hornet Park

October 15th – November 15th Latino Cultural Exchange Month in Indianapolis

October 26th - BGHS Community Service Day- anyone that needs work done let us know and we will let the school know

October 27th - Open House at Hornet Park Community Center

October 31st - Parks Department Halloween party & contest at the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm. The next Council meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk- Treasurer