

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Jim Brooks, Liz Lamping, Kevin Day and Chris Duffer. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Absent, Councilors Harrison and Mascari

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

New Police & Fire Stations Presentations - Axis Architects
Building Corporation Presentation - Jeff Peters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the November 6th, 2017 minutes. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason- Marion County Board of Health – spoke to issues regarding septic systems on Adelaide Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayors Youth Council: A student gave a report.

ABC: In the Council Packet

Greenscape Commission: In the Council packet

Compliance Division: In the Council Packet

Public Safety: In the Council packet

Financial - *presented by Clerk-Treasurer McMillan*

Good Evening Councilors,

In November we had no bond or lease payments due and we are not getting a tax anticipation warrant for 2018. This is the first time this has happened in years.

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	\$3,286,759.21
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$1, 118,512.58
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$0.00
City Court	\$173,806.00
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$163, 974.69
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$250,811.13
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$240,000.00
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$137,050.28
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,029.40

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. 10, 2017

...Parking Motor Vehicles

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance on First Reading. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.10, 2017 was approved on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Nepotism/Conflict of Interest Forms

To be approved in January.

Transfers

None

General Ordinance No.11, 2017

...Amends the Salary Ordinance- General Ordinance No.8, 2017

General Ordinance No. 11, 2017 was tabled with a voice vote of 4-1. Councilor Lamping opposed.

General Ordinance No.12, 2017

...Establishes a Non- Reverting Operating Fund

Councilor Lamping read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance on First Reading. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.12, 2017 was approved on Second Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Templin -commented that he is unsure about not getting a tax anticipation warrant, because if one is needed in the future it might send the wrong signal. He also commented that the citizens, fire and police deserve good buildings.

Councilor Brooks – thanked the fire and police. He was on the fire department when the buildings were built and that has been a long time ago. He has been retired 18 years. Our police officers are doing the best they can do with the facilities they have. The fire department is busting at the seams and the female firefighters deserve some privacy and the decontamination issue is real, many fire fighters have died from cancer and heart problems from fighting fires. Also, thanks to the police department for the shop with the cop program, it is really a great program.

Councilor Harrison- Absent

Councilor Mascari -Absent

Councilor Lamping -thanked the Parks Board and Dan Norris. They are all volunteers and they provide great programs for our city and they are not paid. Dan understands the people and their needs. She applauds the Board for the great services they provide to the citizens.

Councilor Duffer- he thanked the Clerk-Treasurer, Dan McMillan for continuing with what he started when he was in office; which was to pay the tax anticipation warrant off. He also thanked Councilor Lamping for the parks ordinance, he didn't know much about it but after listening to Parks Board Member, Dan Norris, he is convinced it is a good ordinance. Thanks to the gentlemen that gave the presentations concerning the fire and police stations. He does believe it is obvious that the stations are needed, but it is a difficult situation coming up with money. You try to walk that tight rope of trying to keep the services affordable for the residents and keeping them up to what the citizens expect. Beech Grove is a great city and it always has been, and I want to continue that on, and kudos to the Mayor for overseeing all this. I met with him last night and I have to say he is a good Mayor and I appreciate the efforts that he makes.

Councilor Day- no comment

Mayor Buckley:

January Meeting:

IPL- Street Lights- continued talks
Fire & Police Departments - options
Committee/Commission -nominations

He discussed the service that he and other firefighters provided the city with and the lack of respect for the police. He also expressed that he expects gratification of the service that is provided by fire and police to be shown with a new fire/police station and he will be disappointed with anything less. He asked the following to be put into the record -Doug Butler passed, and he was the city attorney for a long time.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duffer moved to adjourn Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer