

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2015**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Dave Mobley, John Jennings, Anthony Davidson, Ed Bell and Kathy Coates. Also present were Mayor, Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan, and City Attorney, Craig Wiley. Absent; Dave Harrison and Mary Stewart.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag led by Troop #108.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Buckley read into the record a proclamation from the State of Indiana- proclaiming December 11th, 2015 the 199th Anniversary of the State of Indiana and the beginning of the Bi-Centennial Year in Indiana.

[Beech Grove High School Varsity Beech Grove Football Team](#)- Coach Weller acknowledged the team as co-conference champions and their second year in a row for a winning season. Mayor Buckley recognized the team as the Indiana Crossroads Conference Champions.

[Beech Grove High School Cross Country Team](#)- Coach Vuskalns and Mayor Buckley acknowledged the team as the Indiana Crossroads Conference Champions. The race was 5 kilometers. Coach Vuskalns acknowledged the players by name, and gave a recap of the race.

[Beech Grove High School Girls Golf Team](#)- Coach Adamson gave a recap of the season. Coach Adamson and Mayor Buckley acknowledged the team as the Indiana Conference Champions.

Councilor Jennings commented on how great the kids are at Beech Grove High School and they make the City proud every day. He encourage everyone in the community to go watch an event sponsored by Beech Grove High School.

MAYOR BALLARD LIAISON'S REPORT: *presented by Kelly Foulk*

Kelly gave a recap on the transition taking place as Mayor-Elect Joe Hogsett prepares to take office.

There have been meetings regarding the I-69 Route and it has been narrowed down to five potential routes. All start at Morgan County Road and State Road 37.

[Garfield Park Conservatory –](#)

Train Tales

Date: Tuesday, December 8, Wednesday, December 9 Time: 10-11am Fee: \$4 Ages: 2-5
Bring your preschooler to this program with a focus on the natural world. Join us for a different nature-related story, activity and craft each month. December will be Trains. Registration required.

Conservatory Crossing

Date: November 27-December 31 Time: Mon-Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun 1-5 p.m.
Fee: \$3 per person, \$8 per family (2 adults and 1 or more children) Ages: All
Come enjoy our winter wonderland! See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias and enjoy model trains, train village and thousands of twinkling lights. Display done with support from The Indiana Rail Road Company. Evening Dates (Open until 8 PM): Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 26, 27

Christmas at Garfield

Date: Saturday, December 12 Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fee: Free Ages: All
Visit the Conservatory to meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing, the holiday train and poinsettia show. You can also visit the Arts Center to make toys with Santa’s elves and head to the Burrello Family Center for more festive fun. All activities are free. Bring your own camera to take photos with Santa.

[Perry Parks Ice Skating Rink](#)- is currently open and is the only Indy Parks ice skating rink. Hours and admission prices can be found on their webpage.

[Pictures with Santa- Franklin Township Library-](#)

Saturday, December 12th – 11:00-2:00
Saturday, December 19th – 11:00-2:00

Families and children of all ages are invited to have their pictures taken with Santa and meet some of Santa’s friends during this event. Mrs. Clause will be there too.

DPW Forestry Department- has contracted with Davey Tree Service to conduct an inventory of trees in Franklin, Perry and Decatur Townships, so you may see them out and about inspecting trees.

Councilor Jennings and Mayor Buckley expressed thanked Kelly for her service and asked her to convey their gratitude to Gary as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the meeting minutes from October 5,2015 to Council.
Councilor Jennings moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the meeting minutes from November 2,2015 to Council.
Councilor Bell moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Council- *presented by Liz Walters, Principal, Beech Grove High School and Rebecca Whitney, a Senior at BGHS*

Liz Walter echoed Councilor Jennings feelings and proclaimed that it is a great day to be a Hornet.

Rebecca Whitney BGHS Senior-gave a brief description of her classes and plans for the future. She also reported on the Thanksgiving Dinner that the High School hosted for the community and how the children were involved with making placemats. She also reported on the play “Oklahoma”. The next play will be “The Great Gatsby”.

Liz reported that construction has started at the high school and everything is on schedule.

Councilor Bell thanked the school system for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and he remarked that it was a fantastic evening, students were everywhere performing a variety of tasks. Liz commented that it truly was a wonderful inaugural event and all the buildings participated, not just the high school.

Greenscape Commission- on file

Redevelopment Commission-on file

Public Safety –they did not meet

Compliance- none

ABC- *presented by Jim Brooks*

There were three liquor license come up for renewal- 1. Lucky’s Pub- *passed* 2. Avent Liquors- (formally Stafford Liquors) *passed* 3. Huff’s Treehouse-the Board has been working with them since August 3,2015 and they failed to appear again today, so their license has been denied and they will have to start from the beginning of the process if they wish to move forward.

Financial Report: - presented by Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan

Good Evening Councilors,

We did not have any bond payments to report for November.

The TAW ordinance is up for the Second & Third Reading, as always we still are not certain of the amount, that will be determined by the Indiana Bond Bank. I was hoping that after our four years we would be at less than one million, but that is not going to be the case. The budget called for the City to receive a 2015 ROI payment from the Sewage Fund of \$706,892.00, however, the City will probably only receive a payment of \$250,000.00 of the ROI payment in addition to the PILOT payment of \$142,196.00 The sewage budget for 2016 will be cut considerably to correspond with the appropriate revenues and allow us to begin to recoup the approximate \$456,000.00 remaining ROI payment due the City.

There are several transfers I am presenting tonight. The majority are for the city attorney invoice; which I just received in November after requesting it. This invoice is from January 1 through October 31, 2015. I have sent another email since, requesting an invoice through the current period as I believe these transfers will be sufficient to bring the account current. I once again have requested that the City be invoiced monthly as the agreement calls for.

There are also several transfers in Sewage. These are due to the increased IDPW fees caused by the heavy rains in the spring.

The City is in the process of setting up online billing and online payments for the Sewage Business. I have passed out some material from ICloud they are partner with Keystone our software, provider and they are SBOA approved.

Thanks again to the website volunteers for donating their time and talents to our City. I'm am very grateful. If you are a non-profit organization and you would like an event or your monthly meetings posted on the website, please email me at dan.mcmillan@beechgrove.com

The bank balances are listed below.

City Corporation	\$2,234,589.40
City Utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$ 920,860.51
Main Street redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$ 275,682.87
City Court	\$ 157,843.25
Criminal Investigation (CIF)	\$ 420,320.25
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$ 119,648.55
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$ 584,842.97
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$ 136,178.37
Huntington National Bank 2015A Debt Service Reserve	\$ 64,115.75

In closing, as a citizen, I would like to thank all of the Councilors for their service to our City and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan

OLD BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 27, 2015

...Tax Anticipation Warrant

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

Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan read the ordinance into the record by Title only.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by 4-1 voice vote. Councilor Davidson voted no. General Ordinance No. 27, 2015 was approved for Second reading.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan read the ordinance into the record by Title only.

Councilor Stewart moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by 4-1 voice vote. Councilor Davidson voted no. General Ordinance No. 27, 2015 was approved for Second reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

RDC Budget- *read by Clerk Treasurer McMillan*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record the RDC Budget prepared by the RDC.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the RDC Budget. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Appropriations Transfers- *presented by Clerk-Treasurer McMillan*

Dear Councilors,

Below is a request for permission to transfer money in appropriations. The transfers do not increase the budget.

Transfer **\$5,000.00** from **101002310.000 CLERK-TREASURER/ATTORNEY** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$6,000.00** from **101002310.001 CLERK-TREASURER/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$3,000.00** from **101008114 BOW/CROSSING GUARD** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$751.00** from **101008131 BOW/FICA** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$2,149.00** from **101008134 BOW/PAYROLL** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$2,100.00** from **101004390.000 CITY COURT/BAILIFF** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$2,000.00** from **101018310.021 CITY HALL/CONTRACTUAL** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$12,000.00** from **101210440380.000 FIRE/AMBULANCE PRINCIPAL** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$3,000.00** from **101210440381.000 FIRE/AMBULANCE INTEREST** to **101008310.000 BOW/CITY ATTORNEY**

Transfer **\$2,090.00** from **101008310.021 BOW/CONTRACTUAL** to **101008310.020 BOW/INSPECTOR**

Transfer **\$1,360.00** from **101008440.100 BOW/SERVERS** to **101008310.020 BOW/INSPECTOR**

Transfer **\$800.00** from **1010015111.000 COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR** to **1010015351.000 COMMUNITY CENTER/ELECTRIC**

Transfer **\$100.00** from **1010015111.000 COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR** to **1010015354.000 COMMUNITY CENTER/WATER**

Transfer **\$500.00** from **1010015111.000 COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR** to **1010015355.000 COMMUNITY CENTER/SEWAGE-STORMWATER**

Transfer **\$48,000.00** from **101200220.021 POLICE/FUEL** to **101200116.000 POLICE/OVERTIME**

Transfer **\$2,010.00** from **101210130.000 FIRE/CLOTHING ALLOWANCE** to **101210361.000 FIRE/REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Transfer **\$1,000.00** from **201900220.021 MVH/FUEL** to **201900114.000 MVH/TEMP.SALARIES**

Transfer **\$33,000.00** from **606900113.000 SEWAGE/REG. SALARIES** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$1,500.00** from **606900115.000 SEWAGE/LONG.&ED.** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$5,000.00** from **606900131.000 SEWAGE/FICA** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$3,500.00** from **606900132.000 SEWAGE/PERF** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$1,500.00** from **606900133.000 SEWAGE/MEDFICA** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$2,500.00** from **606900135.000 SEWAGE/FICA** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$27,000.00** from **606900441.000 SEWAGE/PROJECTS** to **606900310.160 SEWAGE/IDPW**

Transfer **\$10,000.00** from **606900134.000 SEWAGE/UNEMPLOYMENT** to **606900390.940 SEWAGE/LANDFILL**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

Councilor Jennings asked why the City is transferring money. Clerk Treasurer McMillan explained the appropriations cannot end up in the negative and it does not raise the budget. Councilor Davidson asked why the need to transfer \$36,000.00 into the city attorney and is it because the city had some pretty good lawsuits against them. Clerk Treasurer said no, that every year at the end of the year the appropriation runs short, because at the beginning of each year the city has been paying for the last two months of the previous year.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the transfers. Councilor Coates seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dave Mobley- thanked everyone for coming out. He also thanked everyone for the honor to serve as Council-At –Large for the past four years and he wished everyone a good Christmas and safe New Year.

John Jennings- thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. He came in with Joe Wright and he has served for eight years. He was sitting Mayor for a couple, ten days and it has been an absolute privilege to serve District 4. He hopes he made everyone proud and did what was asked of him. To everyone that got elected, congratulations, and to all those who ran, thank you, for coming out and making the democratic process work the way it is supposed to.

Councilor Davidson- it has been a quick four years and it has been his first time on the Council. The Council did a lot of great work, and we fixed the animal code; which was very much needed, fixed the building code; which was aggressively needed and updated several others. We helped our city court partner with other cities, making our city court profitable, even though it is not supposed to be profitable and is supposed to be a service, we do good things here in Beech Grove and other cities and towns have noticed. Over the last four years he has been pretty active, he has ridden with the police officers at least once per year, he has met with the city officials on more than one occasion; at all hours of the night; which is very much appreciated. He expressed his appreciation for Parks Director, Tom Hannan and all city employees for the dedication and passion they have for the City of Beech Grove. He commented on his participation of fire ops 101 and gave a summary of his experience with it. Thanks to everyone for coming out.

Councilor Bell- thanks for coming out and thank you to the Council. It was a privilege working together these past four years and we accomplished a lot. It was so much fun that I am running for a third term; while I represent District two, I really represent all districts and all the city and I am looking forward to the next four years.

Councilor Coates- she has been on once before and now these past four years and it has been a privilege to serve the City of Beech Grove. She has treasured every moment of it. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the citizens of Beech Grove.

Mayor Buckley gave a summary of their accomplishments. Dave Harrison went the entire four years without missing a meeting and he was sick tonight. Mary Stewart served for twelve years.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Jennings moved to adjourn. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 4th, 2015 at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan