

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

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

**All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Swearing in of New Fire Department Members-** Mayor Dennis Buckley

Andrew Johnson

Chris Harper

Joseph Anglin

**EDC Appointment:**

Tabled Until Next Meeting

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Bell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Youth Council** – BGHS student gave an update on events and happenings at the high school. Principal Elizabeth gave an update on the sports programs.

**RDC Committee** – Report on file

**ABC** – Ashley Piland reported that there was one renewal for the Walmart on Emerson.

**Greenscape Commission** – Report on file.

**Compliance Division-** Report on file.

**Public Safety** – Report on file.

**Financial Report-** Clerk-Treasurer, Dan McMillan

This is my fifth year of giving the Annual Financial Report to Council and the Citizens of Beech Grove at the February City Council Meeting. It has been my privilege every year.

We completed the closing on the Tax Anticipation Warrant in January. We continue to reduce the amount we borrow each year. For the 2017 year, we are borrowing \$1,295,000.00. The total borrowed on the TAW for 2016 was 1,479,594.00. That represents approximately an \$185,000.00 decrease in borrowing. Since taking office in 2012 it represents an overall decrease of almost 1.2 million.

We finished 2016 with a balance in our corporate bank account of \$4,328,486.05. In 2015 we finished with a balance in the corporate account of \$2,882,256.73. That is an increase over 2015 of almost 1.5 million.

We obtained a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of one (1) 2016 Ford Explorer XL 4x4 and six (6) 2016 Ford F-250 vehicles for the Department of Public Works and Parks Department and we once again used the HELP program through the Indiana Bond Bank.

With the HELP program, the Indiana Bond Bank performs the bidding process and provides us with the results at no additional cost to the municipalities, including attorney or financing fees. The interest rate is 1.762%. The payments are \$26,304.96 semiannually and are due in March and September. We financed it for five years.

All our lease/purchase agreements on equipment are financed for 5 years.

The debt reserve account on the 2005A Revenue Bond for Sewage Works; which we refinanced in 2015 and resulted in a savings of approximately \$70,000.00, as of 12/31/2016 had a balance owing of just over \$600,000.00. As of 12/31/2016 the Debt Reserve Account had a balance of \$64,181.00 and is held in Huntington National Bank and it is tracked through Keystone.

The outstanding balance on our 2012 Bond at the end of 2016 was approximately 1.4 million.

Our 2004 SRF Bond; which was financed for 20 years has a balance owing of just over 1 million. As of 12/31/2016 the Debt Reserve Account had a balance of \$136,377.66 and is held in the bank of New York Mellon and it is tracked through Keystone.

The RDC refinanced their 2005 and 2007 bonds.

The Annual Report for 2016 has been completed and entered on the Indiana Gateway and the City Website it is available on the website- [Annual Reports](#)

We now have a Capital Assets inventory that is kept updated and is included on the Gateway and the City Website.

The "Indiana Gateway"; which was established to promote the "Open Door Law" has grown each year. The first year for the Gateway was in 2012. The Gateway includes the Annual Report (from Keystone, our accounting program), the municipality questionnaire, enterprise questionnaire, public official's information questionnaire, department questionnaire, capital assets, grants, debt, leases, pensions, accounts payables and receivables, an upload for public official's bonds, and a risk assessment report that includes an upload for the salary ordinance, the December 2016 bank rec, credit card ordinance and more.

2013 was the first year in many that we increased the paving budget. It has been increased from \$205,000.00 in 2012 to \$530,000.00 for 2017. It was \$601,000.00 in 2016.

In 2014 was the first year an appropriation was created for sidewalks. In 2017 we have \$45,000.00 budgeted for sidewalks.

The increase in Public Safety LOIT Tax that was approved a couple years ago, by the Indianapolis City Council has allowed the City of Beech Grove to pay \$397,000.00 in cash for a fire truck, \$90,000 toward new police vehicles, over \$63,000.00 in body armor for the police department, over \$46,000.00 in turn out gear for the fire department, over \$76,000 for an ambulance chassis and upgrades to the police department and fire department. The revenues generated from these tax dollars can only be used for the Fire and Police Departments. We monitor the revenues and expenditures in this fund closely and report the status of this fund to the fire and police departments in the third and fourth quarter; which when the fund and budget allows they can make additional needed purchases. For an example, we have an appropriation that is for police lobby and public safety extras. After review from the Clerk-Treasurer's office it was realized that an additional \$110,000.00 was remaining in the appropriation and was funded. After reporting that to both chiefs they could purchase the much-needed body armor and turn out gear. These are expenditures that are critical to their safety and consequently critical to our safety as citizens.

The 100R and Annual Report are completed in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. The 2016 100R and Annual Report has been completed and submitted and accepted on the Indiana Gateway. The Indiana Gateway is a website that makes public information available for citizens to review. It contains information such as revenues and expenditures, all city debt, including both bonds and leases, grants, elected officials, and public employee's income.

This year the Council had a budget committee and they were very helpful in negotiating the budget. The 2017 budget for the City is just over \$12,800,000.00. This includes, Public Safety, LRS, MVH, Debt Service, Pensions and more. The 2017 Budget for Wastewater is approximately 3.3 Million. The Clerk-Treasurer's Office monitors the appropriations and revenues monthly, to insure we are on track and not overspending.

To summarize, the city is in very good financial shape.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Office continues to fill public information requests without bias or discrimination and in accordance with the law. We report the City's finances monthly to Council as well as publish financial reports monthly on the website. We currently have 2 full time Clerks and 2 part-time Clerks employed in the office. While the Clerk-Treasurer position is an elected position the Clerk's, positions are not. In December of 2016, I swore Clerk, Debbie Springer in as Deputy-Clerk. The position is in the 2017 salary ordinance and is budgeted.

Our City Website; which was built by a few volunteers and myself continues to grow and is packed full of information. It is the promise I made to the Citizens of Beech Grove to provide them with open, honest government. Our website volunteers continue to volunteer their services and we thank them for their service to our community.

To date the website has cost the taxpayers zero dollars because it is staffed by volunteers and a local business continues to pay the annual fees. The website has received praise from the Mayor's and Clerk Treasurer's and professionals across the state, as well as Auditors from the State Board of Accounts.

I have attached the bank balances for January and the Debt Schedule for 2017 for your review. Both are available on the website for the Citizens review. The past five years are also available on the website for your review. They can be found under [archived](#) documents.

As always, my door is open if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or stop by.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer

Bank Balances as of 01/31/2017:

Corporate Bank Account	\$4,568,921.70
Wastewater Bank Account	\$856,692.89
Criminal Investigation Fund	\$189,310.18
City Court	\$79,858.50
RDC Debt Reserve	\$240,000.00
RDC General	\$213,279.73
Huntington Bank 2015A Debt Reserve	\$64,181.31
Bank of New York Melon 2004 SRF Debt Reserve	\$136,377.66

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE**

**2017 DEBT SCHEDULE**

DEBT TYPE	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING	VENDOR	PAYMENT DUE	INTEREST PAYEMENT	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	YEARLY TOTAL
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**CITY OF BEECH GROVE**

2012 GO BOND	\$1,305,000.00	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$95,000.00	\$12,106.25	\$107,106.25
(AUTO DEDUCT)	\$1,205,000.00	REGIONS	JULY	\$100,000.00	\$11,512.50	\$111,512.50
2017 TAX ANTICIPATION	\$1,295,000.00	GENERAL	JUNE	\$8,818.41	\$647,500.00	\$656,318.41
WARRANT (TAW)	\$ 647,500.00	GENERAL	DECEMBER	\$17,736.46	\$647,500.00	\$665,236.46
2013/LEASE PURCHASE	\$53,092.66	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$610.57	\$13,046.38	\$13,656.95
(FIRE VEHICLES)	\$40,046.28	REGIONS	JULY	\$460.53	\$13,196.42	\$13,656.95
(AUTO DEDUCT)						
2013/LEASE PURCHASE	\$51,917.25	REGIONS	JANUARY	\$597.05	\$12,757.55	\$13,354.60
(POLICE VEHICLES)	\$39,159.70	REGIONS	JULY	\$450.34	\$12,904.26	\$13,354.60
(AUTO DEDUCT)						

2015/LEASE PURCHASE	\$75,627.07	US BANCORP	MARCH	\$968.97	\$11,760.03	\$12,729.00
(POLICE VEHICLES)	\$67,376.27	US BANCORP	SEPTEMBER	\$835.20	\$11,893.80	\$12,729.00
(AUTO DEDUCT)						

2015/LEASE PURCHASE	\$32,404.41	CROSSROADS	JUNE	\$453.25	\$5,177.73	\$5,630.98
(SENIOR CENTER BUS)	\$27,164.23	CROSSROADS	DECEMBER	\$390.80	\$5,240.18	\$5,630.98
(MANUAL PAYMENT)						

2014/LEASE PURCHASE	\$ 30,653.60	REGIONS	APRIL	\$453.31	\$7,439.42	\$7,892.73
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(SKIDSTEER)	\$ 23,125.64	REGIONS	OCTOBER	\$364.78	\$7,527.95	\$7,892.73
(AUTO-DEDUCT)						

2016/LEASE	\$236,744.64	US BANCORP	MARCH	\$1,996.74	\$24,308.22	\$26,304.96
MVH/PARKS	\$210,439.68	USBANCORP	SEPTEMBER	\$1,782.58	\$24,522.38	\$26,304.96

**BEECH GROVE SEWAGE/WASTEWATER**

2012/LEASE PURCHASE	\$37,867.37	REGIONS	FEBRUARY	\$797.93	\$37,440.07	\$38,238.00
(TRASH TRUCKS)	\$0.00	REGIONS	AUGUST	\$401.07	\$37,836.93	\$38,238.00
(AUTO DEDUCT)						
2005A SEWAGE WORKS	RETIRED	2015				
2015 "A" SEWAGE WORKS	\$571,089.20	HUNTINGTON	JANUARY	\$11,883.15	\$25,000.00	\$36,883.15
SPECIAL REFUNDING PROGRAM	\$539,807.30	HUNTINGTON	JULY	\$11,281.90	\$20,000.00	\$31,281.90
(2005A SEWAGE WORKS REFINANCED)						
2004 STATE REVOLVING	\$984,956.00	BANK OF NY MELLON	JAN-DEC	\$4,028.29	\$7,320.00	
FUND PROGRAM	\$935,039.00	BANK OF NY MELLON	MONTHLY	\$48,339.48	\$87,840.00	\$136,179.48
(MANUAL PAYMENT)			X12			

**REVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

2007 SERIES TIF BOND	(RETIRED)	12/16/2016				
2005 SERIES TIF BOND	(RETIRED)	12/16/2016				

2016 REFINANCED BOND		2,180,000.00	January	\$4,800.00	\$220,000.00	\$224,800.00
2016 REFINANCED BOND		1,960,000.00	July	\$26,160.00	\$220,000.00	\$246,160.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**General Ordinance No.21,2016**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No.1, 2017**

*Council Appointments to the RDC*

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

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

**Resolution No. 2, 2017**

*Council Appointments to the BZA*

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

**Resolution No. 3, 2017**

*Creation of Fund for Churchman Avenue Project*

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

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

**General Ordinance No.1, 2017**

*Ambulance Rate Adjustments*

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Templin moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.1, 2017 was approved on First Reading.

**General Ordinance No. 2, 2017**

*Deletion of Ordinance*

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.2, 2017 was approved on First Reading.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Bell-** Announced that he is resigning his Council Seat for District Two. It has been a great privilege and honor to serve the citizens and he thanked all the citizens of District Two for voting for him. He will continue to serve the City of Beech Grove, just in a different capacity, hence why the resignation is required, because of the conflict of interest that is presented. He also thanked Mayor Buckley and the Council and wished them the best. **Councilor Pro-Tem Templin** gave a brief explanation of the process in replacing Councilor Bell's seat - it now moves into the political process and the Marion County Democratic Party will provide guidance in what is required in selecting a candidate to replace Councilor Bell. The replacement will be a Democrat and they will reside in District Two. They will try to update people as the process moves along.

**Councilor Duffer-** Thank you to everyone for coming. Thank you to the fire department and congratulations to the new hires.

**Councilor Lamping-** Thank you to Councilor Bell he mentored me this past year, I appreciate his input and his help and assistance. I could always give him a call and he would always answer my questions and we would always have a great conference and dialogue, talking about how to be a good council person so I appreciate his help and I wish him well.

**Councilor Harrison-** Thanks everyone for coming and I also too would like to thank Councilor Bell. The first four years I was on here, he was a great help to me, he was a senior councilman along with Mary, and I appreciate everything you did. I think he is in his tenth year and that's saying a lot for the people in your district they must really like you. I appreciate it. Thank you.

**Councilor Brooks-** Councilor Bell, I want to thank you for being not only a good councilman, but a good friend. We became close over the past couple of years and I appreciate your friendship very much. This Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 to 3:00 at South Grove Elementary is the Relay for Life Chili-Cook-off and there will probably be 25 different pots of chili there and it's all free. Come down and help yourself and help fight cancer.

**Councilor Templin-** Councilor Bell, I have known you all my life, you were in my sister's wedding and you use to hang around the house and you have been a big part of my life and you were part of the family and still are. I have to tell a story I remember, years ago, and under a different Mayor, we served on the Council together and I was trying to do my normal, "everyone get along" routine, sometimes I think it makes it worse, but I asked Ed, how do you think it went, and he answered, "the next time I come with you, I'm bringing boots." Most of the time we agreed on things but if we didn't, that was just what it was, it was what we believed. Good luck on your new position with the City. You have a lot of qualifications and you'll do great.

I also want to say thanks to the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer on both your reports, you included so many things that get forgotten in a year or what's coming up and Dan putting together all the numbers and all the information and all the things your office did and the Mayor complimenting you on all that has been done this year. You both did so well tonight that you can just sleep for the next year and just wait on the State of the City for next year because you guys did a great job. I do want to thank the new fire department hires and the swearing in tonight, that is the best part of the meetings is getting to watch things like that. It's a new adventure for them and they get to wear the Beech Grove Fire Department patch. I can remember one of our old chiefs and Chief Swartz use to say very few people get to wear this patch whether it be fire or police, so congratulations to them.

**Mayor Buckley** - Thursday, February 16th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Beech Grove Our Place there will be the second public education and reversal training on Naloxone. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am the Council is going to have a workshop in Council Chambers. It is open to the public, but no public testimony will be taken. No decision will be made at this meeting. Testimony will be given by an attorney and Jeff Peters will have information to provide us with. At the next meeting, I, will be bringing forth an ordinance for a sewer rate increase. It is not pleasant but we are going to meet it head on and deal with it. Citizens Energy has already increased their rates.

At Churchman and Arlington, you will see some surveying being done. Kinetrix and Citizens are making substantial improvements in that intersection to go along with what we are doing. They are moving their big distribution lines out of the way, because this project is very important to them. They are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to do this, and I am still working with them on other funding.

I met Monday morning with St. Francis and it was short and sweet and they are making progress. On Wednesday, I will meet with Dr. Callahan and Bob Brodey to discuss some things but it's moving along very well.

On Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Hornet Park Community Center there will be a Town Hall Meeting. Topics of discussion will include, St Francis, Grant funding, Infrastructure and sewer rates. The public is encouraged to attend.

On Churchman Avenue, by the high school, you will see Miller Pipeline doing some work. They are moving the natural gas lines from the side of the road to under the road to accommodate the sidewalk project that is getting ready to start. Then Power & Light will come in and remove all the lighting on the Southside of the street and install new lighting on the Northside of the street. Then INDOT should award the bid for the project on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the project should begin within 60 days. The last thing that was done was we had to buy a small parcel of land and the clerk's office wrote a check for it. Then they send us an invoice for twenty percent of the project and you folks did a resolution for that last year.

Earlier at the Board of Works meeting we opened bids for the largest paving project since we've been in this administration. This project is big enough that there is going to be paving in all five Council districts; which is really, really good, so I will be getting with you to send letters to your constituents, probably about the first of March as we did last year. Ed, my friend, I wish the best, I think the best compliment I can give you is that you'll be missed as a Council person. I say that as the Mayor and as a Citizen, even though I will be seeing you in another capacity and anyway, thank you for your service.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The next Council meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk- Treasurer