

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Liz Lamping, Dave Harrison, Kevin Day, Chris Duffer, Vito Mascari, and Jim Brooks. 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:

Main Street Planning Grant- Mayor Buckley gave a presentation on the planning grant and several Main Street business owners came out in support of the grant.

Public Safety Capital Improvements: Several firefighters and police officers spoke to the condition of the stations and the lack of space that contributes to the need for a new fire and police station. Councilor Lamping moved to continue with the next phase of planning and design. Councilor Jim Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved 6-0, with Councilor Lamping abstaining, because she was absent at the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pam Stallard- spoke to her concern of what she believes was changed in General Ordinance No. 3, 2017, from the previous reading to this reading and her opposition to the sewer increase.

Susie McMillan- spoke to her disappointment of the condition of the police department and her opposition of the sale of the utility and a 9.00 per month increase.

Timothy Spellman- spoke in opposition to a sewer increase and stated the city can't raise the sewer bill.

Ashley Piland – raised questions about selling, but also wants answers to how much it would cost to maintain what we have now.

Richard Buzbee- raised concerns about no sidewalks on their street, and flooding.

Kimberly Quick- questioned the way the sewer is billed and she wonders why we can't bill according to usage instead of a flat rate. She also offered her assistance in reviewing this matter.

Citizen- raised his concern that the Council is voting to approve a rate increase when they do not know what the increase is and the facts surrounding the ordinance. He doesn't understand why they will move forward for Second Reading instead of Third Reading.

Tenille – just recently became a citizen of Beech Grove. She expressed her wish to see substitutions to Citizens Energy and what else could be considered., what alternatives are available.

Joe Griffin – spoke to his opposition of the sewer increase and he disagrees that Main Street is a TIF area and he disagrees with declaring Main Street a double blight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayors Youth Council:

RDC: report in the packet.

ABC: Ashley Piland reported that Payless Liquor was approved. CD & G Enterprise doing business as 5th Avenue Grill and Bar was approved for a beer/wine liquor sale. Their hours are proposed to be 11:00 until 11:00 and they plan to employ approximately 30 people. Steven Taylor, doing business as Lucky's Pub was continued until May 1st, because no one showed up.

Greenscape Commission: report in the packet.

Compliance Division: report in the packet.

Public Safety: report in the packet.

Financial Report : given by Clerk Treasurer-Dan McMillan.

We made the following lease/purchase payments in March

2015 Police Vehicles - \$12, 729.00 to USbancorp

2016 MVH & Parks Vehicles - \$26,304.96 to USbancorp

I transferred \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund that was owed from the loan to the insurance trust in December of 2016.

Next month, I will be bringing forward an additional appropriation for \$205,000.00 to complete the Churchman Avenue Sidewalk Grant. The money from the additional appropriation last year was used for engineer and consultant fees and is not applicable toward the City's portion of the match.

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	\$3,925,949.39
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$906,637.80
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$272,814.63
City Court	\$166,083.75
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$189,310.18
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$204,086.66
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$240,000.00
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,409.34
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,181.31

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No.1, 2017

Ambulance Rate Adjustments

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

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

General Ordinance No. 2, 2017

Deletion of Ordinance

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

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.2, 2017 was approved on Second Reading.

General Ordinance No. 3, 2017

...Amends Chapter 50 pursuant to sewers and sewer rates for the treatment of wastewater
03.06.2017.

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

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Harrison moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by 5-2 vote. Councilor Day and Duffer voting no. General Ordinance No.3, 2017 was approved on Second Reading

Councilor Templin moved to have this Ordinance tabled until more information is gathered from the IURC. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nepotism Contract and Conflict of Interest Approval Councilor Vito Mascari

Councilor Templin moved to approve these certifications. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved 6-0. Councilor Vito Mascari abstained.

Resolution No. 4, 2017

Main Street Blight Proclamation

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

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

Resolution No. 5, 2017

Main Street Matching Grant

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance 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. 4, 2017

Parks and Recreation

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to amend the ordinance to read “unlawful” possession of a firearm. Councilor Day seconded the Motion, which was approved by a 6-1 vote. Councilor Lamping voting no.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by 6-1 vote. Councilor Lamping voting no. General Ordinance No.4, 2017 was approved on First Reading

EDC Nominations: Councilor Day nominated Susie McMillan. Dave Harrison nominated Dan Pavey this was tabled until the May 1st, 2017 Meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bud Templin: General Ordinance No.3, 2017 has nothing to do with the selling of the utility, our independence is what is most important. Anyone who would like to talk to me about this, please contact me. We the citizens own this utility and it cost more to be an independent city and maintain our autonomy. The utility belongs to the Citizens of Beech Grove.

Jim Brooks: if this were the Third reading I would have to vote no because the increases are too high. I have a friend in Franklin Township and their bill is approximately \$75.00 Month. I think a lot of people in Beech Grove can't afford a large increase and we have to think about them.

Dave Harrison: nothing

Councilor Mascari: rumor has it we are trying to fast track this ordinance this is not true we are just moving the ordinance along and reviewing it.

Councilor Lamping: thanks to the Fire Department for the installation of smoke detectors in people's homes, if anybody needs one contact the Red Cross or Fire Department they can check your detectors. Thanks to police and fire for all they do.

Councilor Duffer: thanks to the Fire Department for the cookout, as far as the sewer rate increase, the citizen's comments are not lost on me, I don't want my sewer bill to go up either, I'm a citizen also. The IURC has not even ruled yet. If the IURC invalidates our contract we should tie it up in the courts. If the IURC rules in favor of Citizen's Energy then we will have tough decisions to make.

Councilor Day: nothing

Mayor Buckley: the following is included in your packet the

- INDOT invoice for Churchman Sidewalks
- Senate Enrolled Act 152; which allows the RDC to purchase property
- House Enrolled Act 1272; dealing with Legal Notices
(all have been passed and waiting on the Governor's signature)
- An email on the Hoosier State
- Parks Department Calendar

There will be a sewer increase.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer