

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present, City Councilors, Buddy Templin, Jim Brooks, Dave Harrison, Ed Bell, Elizabeth Lamping, Chris Duffer and Kevin Day. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney, Craig Wiley.

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Proclamation Police Appreciation & Recognition:**

Mayor Buckley read a proclamation in recognition and honor of Beech Grove Police Department for their service to our City. Citizens are encouraged to recognize the dates between August 2nd through August 16<sup>th</sup> as Police Appreciation weeks. The proclamation encourages Citizens to send cards, hang blue bows and use blue bulbs in their porch lights to show appreciation and support for Beech Grove Police Department for their commitment to the safety and well-being of the Citizens of Beech Grove.

Chief Swartz stated that in recent months' police officers have been targeted. Chief stated that they have received many cards and thanks from adult citizens and kids. He announced that, Tuesday, August 2nd, is National Night Out and the event will take place at Sarah Bolton Park. All citizens are invited to attend and enjoy some food and fellowship with the Police Department. There will be games and other activities for the children.

**United Consulting:**

Brian Pierson gave a description and update of the four projects that the City is currently working on; which includes Phase 1 of roadway improvements, CCMG Program, Churchman Avenue Pedestrian Path, and Emerson/Thompson Pedestrian Path

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting minutes from the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were presented to the Council. No amendments were made. Grammatical errors brought forward were corrected:

- Councilor Duffer- Correction to spelling of Wiley, correction to General Ordinance 17, which incorrectly states 16, and under Greenway Presentation "Clerk-Treasurer McMillan asked if the grant is an 80/20 match".
- Councilor Lamping- Saint Francis Representative, Dr.Callaghan, when speaking to tearing down the remaining structure correction from "hope" to "**plan** to tear down the remaining structures". Top of page 6, not "timed", correct to "McMillan defended his position to allow volunteers **named** anonymously". but no vote was taken, no other corrections were made.

Councilor Templin moved to table the approval of the minutes. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by voice vote. No amendments were voted on, so only typo errors were corrected. If amendments are voted on and approved, exact verbiage must be provided.

**MAYOR HOGSETT LIAISON**- Alexandra Kast introduced herself as the Southeast Liaison for Mayor Joe Hogsett.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jim Coffman – President, GBCOC- commented on their growing membership and upcoming events.

Joe Griffin - Discussed the 2016 increased fees for permit and licenses and his opposition to them.

Ron Mote - Ron and neighbors presented a petition to curb noise pollution in their neighborhood.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Youth Council**- none

**Greenscape Commission**- on file

**RDC**- on file

**ABC**- Ashley Piland- reported there wasn't anything for Beech Grove on their agenda for the August meeting.

**Compliance**- none

**Public Safety**-report on file

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

Good Evening Councilors,

In July we paid the following bond and lease/purchase payments:

SRF- \$57,239.69, we typically make monthly payments on this and we are trying to pay it so that it is only paid bi-annually; which originally was how the payments were set up.

2012 GO Bond- \$107,700, paid bi-annually

2005 TIF Bond- \$138,839.00, paid bi-annually

2007 TIF Bond- \$139,631.25, paid bi-annually

2013 Fire Vehicles Lease/Purchase- \$13,656.95, paid bi-annually

2013 Police Vehicles Lease/Purchase \$12,729.18, paid bi-annually

I have also included a request to establish Fund #261," Rainy Day Restricted Fund" and to transfer monies from Fund #257, "LOIT Special Distribution Fund" to the newly created Fund #261.

Also, I have included a request to increase the appropriation in the 605 an additional \$25,000.00. Before the meeting tonight, the fund had a balance of approximately \$142,000.

I am looking for guidance from Council with the appropriation for city attorney. Currently, we have over \$73,000.00 in attorney invoices that need paid and under \$73,000.00 remaining in the appropriation.

We still have 6 months remaining in the year as the invoices are only through June. There is nowhere in the budget to transfer enough in appropriations to fund the appropriation for the remainder of the year. My recommendation would be an additional appropriation; which could be brought forth in September.

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](mailto: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](http://www.beechgrove.com).

The bank balances are listed below:

City Corporation	\$4,357,990.38
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$1,121,691.72
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$0.00
City Court	\$91,576.50
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$176,898.42
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$255,856.43
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$584,842.97
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,253.35
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,149.23

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 #12, 2016 Amendments:**

*...Establishing Internal Controls*

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

**General Ordinance No. 13, 2016**

*...Amends Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances pursuant to Building Permit fees*

**Committee First Review Note**

Councilor Duffer moved to amend the hot tub fee to 50.00

Councilor Duffer moved to amend on first page “46107” to “city limits”

Councilor Bell moved to amend 150.07- add- Annual Listing Fee- outside of State of Indiana - \$500.00

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the amendment included in paper form in bold print and the above amendments. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Duffer moved to read the ordinance by Title only. Councilor Harrison 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 Templin seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 13, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

#### **General Ordinance No. 14, 2016**

*...Amends Chapter 115 of the Code of Ordinances pursuant to door to door sales and sales of second-hand goods*

Councilor Duffer moved that the ordinance be 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 Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 14, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

#### **General Ordinance No. 15, 2016**

*...Chapter 39 [Ordinance Violations Bureau] Amendment*

*Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance in its entirety.*

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 15, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

#### **General Ordinance No. 16, 2016**

*...Massage Therapy Clinics*

Councilor Duffer moved to amend the current ordinance that after section D in section 116.02, Business Licensing, you have sections A, B, C, and D, on the ordinance that you're recommending, I would add section E, which would be this B right here that says license application shall contain the following information and then just 1, 2, 3, and that first part of 5, and then C would be F, and you can see that it just asks for employee that work there requesting their name, address citizenship and I would like to accommodate the Chief and make that amendment to this ordinance. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Duffer moved that the ordinance be 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 Brooks moved to approve the ordinance with the amendment. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 16, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Request to Increase Appropriation in Stormwater:**

Approval to increase the Stormwater appropriation by \$25,000.00 the current appropriation is \$100,000.00. Councilor Templin moved to approve the creation of the fund and transfer of monies. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Request for Approval to Create and Transfer Funds**

Approval to create Fund #261, Restricted Rainy Day Fund, and transfer \$459,630.02 from Fund #257, LOIT Special Distribution Fund to the newly created Fund #261, Restricted Rainy Day Fund.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the creation of the fund and transfer of monies. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **General Ordinance No.18, 2016**

...Parking Prohibited on Adelaide, Butler and Park Emerson

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 18, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

### **General Ordinance No.19, 2016**

...Stop signs at the Intersections of Butler & Adelaide, Butler & Park Emerson, and Feeder Drive at Butler

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 19, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

### **General Ordinance No.20, 2016**

...Police Department Social Media Policy

### **Guide to the Police Department Social Media Policy**

Amend the first paragraph "Facebook" to read "social media sites", add "use", to read "please do not use" on second page.

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

Councilor Bell 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 First Reading.

Three meetings are scheduled in September. The first regular monthly Council meeting is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Budget Hearing is September 12<sup>th</sup>, and the Budget Adoption Hearing is September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS:

**Bud Templin-** I just heard a minute ago the city itself is not going to have a facebook page? I just want to say I think that's not a good idea, whether there are even comments on there, I just think if we're going to communicate with people I think facebook would be one good avenue in which to do it. I know that I personally sometimes put things that are happening with the city, but people are not my friends and I know that sometimes the Mayor does and you shouldn't have to be the Mayor's friend either, or any of us, it should be an open governmental page and I really believe whether comments need to be made, maybe not, we're not solving crime on the City of Beech Grove. I just hope that can be reconsidered. I want to thank, and I think they're gone now, except for Joe, those who came up to the podium and part of the reason is that lately I kind of got this when someone comes up and says they're disappointed with something or why did this happen and it wasn't the correct story and I just can't say enough to go to the source and what better place to go to than right up here at the podium ,but another thing if you've got a question about the clerk's office you should contact the clerk's office or the Mayor's office, because you need to get the straight story, and sometimes it does get mixed up and unfairly it does get mixed up, but I just want to say for them to come forward was such a great idea. I just want to wish the police department a great week and national night out. I had an opportunity, I won't say the word "worked" because Mark might get up and correct me, but I was at the police department for thirty years and only a few new ones have been added since then and the only thing that comes to mind is they're just as good a people as you can get. Other departments you hear some weird things that can happen and I don't want to insult other police departments, but I am just saying that in Beech Grove we have been very fortunate with the type of officers we have, and they have to take on the hardest crimes and then they take on the easy things too, things that sometimes an officer kind of wonders why am I doing this, why don't you call a plumber, but they do it all in Beech Grove, bigger cities aren't going to take on some of the tasks that ours does, but at the same time ours have to take on the big ones too. I wanted to say this and it's kind of funny things came up, but I had planned this, I wanted to tell Dan thanks for information and how the website is kept up, that's a lot of work and I refer to it to go back and look at RDC meetings and things of that nature, Park Board, we don't want to forget about them, as well as some of the others and I want to mention, because I see her here tonight, many people might forget but the Greenscape Committee and the stuff they do for the community and Beth Berg is here, she submits a report instead of coming forward to the podium. Those are just some things I had in mind. One other thing, Chris, exactly what I was talking about when you called Chief; which I knew we had talked about it to kind of get his take on something you had found to see how it was going to work and that's a lot of extra work and good job on that and I do hear this and I will give a comment to two people over there to Ed and Liz that I know they have been very active in going to things and many people in the community make positive comments to that, seeing the Council active in that way.

**Councilor Jim Brooks-** I just want to take this opportunity to thank Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce for putting on the Music on Main Street this weekend. I was fortunate enough to go to the one last year and it's going to be twice as good this year. Thank you for all the work you and everybody put in on it and thank everybody for showing up.

**Councilor Dave Harrison-**Thank everybody for coming and one quick note, Kevin Day and I are going to have a District 4, 5 kind of like a town hall meeting, we have small districts so we thought we would combine and we can only have three Council people there and it will be Kevin, myself and Buddy there. We think Buddy is actually going to be the keynote speaker that night, that being said, the only thing I got to say is, I seen somewhere, maybe on facebook, the fire department got them a new fire truck and I couldn't make that, some of us have day jobs, but I thought that was a really nice program they put on for that fire truck and I thought that was really neat and I'm glad to see us and I can't wait until we get our third new fire truck.

**Councilor Ed Bell-** thank you all for coming out and I hope we have a great event tomorrow for the police to show support, we have a fantastic department, great guys, and we have a great fire department too, and the under lying that fire truck was paid by cash, which is fantastic, and thanks to the chamber for all their work on this event that is coming on, it looks like it's going to be a whole lot of fun.

**Councilor Lamping –** thank you for coming, exciting times in Beech Grove, lots going on, as President Templin said, we had the opportunity to participate with the public, the fire engine ceremony was beyond words, it was spiritual, it was awesome, don't forget to buy your Beech Grove football kids are selling the cards, the ten dollar cards if you see them buy them for the school, and I was just going to ask Buddy if we're possibly going to have a budget committee, I would strongly voice my desire to be on that committee if we're going to have budget committee for the departments, I would love to be on that committee, and perhaps we can get some of the senior councilmen to help with those budget committees when they come up.

**Councilor Duffer –** I would just like to say my thoughts and literally prayers are with our policeman. These low lives that are targeting policemen throughout this nation, it is deplorable, a policeman is out there doing his job trying to protect the citizen and he gets shot down or ambushed or just basically executed, that is deplorable, I want to say, I agree that is deplorable and I am praying and hoping for your safety every day, because you go out and do that for us. I sit up here and I try to do a good job, but I'm not putting my life on the line and I want to say I am grateful.

**Councilor Day-** I agree with Chris, God Bless the police and fire department. Councilor Duffer said, yes, the fire too, but they're not out there trying to kill you guys. Councilor Day said, thank you all for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm. The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>,2016 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan