

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 7th, 2017**

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

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

In Recognition of Lt. Aaron Allan – The City of Beech Grove would like to thank Lt. Aaron Allan of the Southport Police Department for his dedicated service to the citizens of Southport and to his fellow police officers on the Southport Police Department. Lt. Allan gave his life while coming to the aid of persons involved in an automobile accident on Thursday, July 27, 2017. May he rest in peace.

Greenway Update Phase 1 – Crossroads Engineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Amber Fox - Spoke in support of General Ordinance No.7, 2017.

Dan Pavey - Spoke in opposition of General Ordinance No.7, 2017.

Carly Harper - Spoke in support of General Ordinance No.7, 2017.

Pam Stallard – Spoke to General Ordinance No.7, 2017.

Captain Scott Ferrer, Beech Grove Police Department - Spoke to the appreciation the police officers have for the citizens in Beech Grove and southside of Indianapolis for the support they have shown to all the police departments. Also, thanks to Mayor Dennis Buckley, former Mayor Wiley and City Attorney, Craig Wiley for representing Beech Grove at the services and to the Beech Grove Police Department Officers for their assistance through this difficult time.

Tammy Waddington – Spoke in support of General Ordinance No.7, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor’s Youth Council: None

RDC: No June meeting

ABC: CVS was renewed. Night Owls transfer was tabled until September.

Greenscape Commission: Report in packet.

Compliance Division: None

Public Safety: Report in the packet.

Financial Report: Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan

Good Evening Councilors,

In July, we made payments on the following bonds:

2012 G.O. (General Obligation) Bond - \$111,512.50

2016 RDC Bond – \$246,160.00

2004 SRF Bond - \$68,089.47

We also made the following lease/purchase payments:

2013 Fire Vehicles – \$13, 656, 95

Police Vehicles - \$13,354.60

We are working on the budget. Insurance is estimated to increase approximately 7% and I am anticipating raises will equal approximately 2% as they have in the past.

I am in the process of reviewing the revenue and I also have Jeff Peters office review that too. It’s beneficial to have those numbers verified from an outside source.

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	\$4,048,157.72
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$1,227,655.20
City Court	\$ N/A
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF)	\$172,377.77
Redevelopment Commission RDC General	\$314,579.76
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$240,000.00
Huntington Bank 2015A Debt Service Reserve	\$64,013.26
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,674.52

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:

Merit Board Appointment – Don Smith

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

General Ordinance No. 3, 2017

...Amends Chapter 50 pursuant to sewers and sewer charges

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

Delete 50.031 calculation of sewer use charge, subsection 1, subsection 2 and subsection 2d revert to current charges.

Section 50.032, Minimum charge; base level; basis of rates, Subsection A 50.61 -Establishment of other non-recurring charges; authority to raise minimum charges, revert to current charges

1st letter/90 day past due - \$25.00

2nd letter sent certified past due – \$50.00

Filing of Lien - \$35.00

Last page - change the date to immediately.

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

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.3, 2017 was approved on Third Reading.

General Ordinance No. 6, 2017

*Amends Chapters 94 and 98 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Beech Grove
-Open Burning – Sponsored by Councilor Vito Mascari*

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the amended ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Mascari seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No.6, 2017 was approved on Third Reading.

General Ordinance No.7, 2017

*Amends Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Beech Grove -Animals – Sponsored by
Councilor Vito Mascari*

Councilor Lamping moved to amend the ordinance as written below.

Strike 90.61

Strike 90.62

Amend 90.60 to read “each single-family dwelling may keep no more than 6 domestic chickens/hens at any time.

Councilor Mascari seconded the Motion; which was not approved. The vote was 4-no’s and 3, yes’s. The vote was as follows; Councilors Day, Duffer, Harrison and Templin voted no. Councilors Brooks, Lamping and Mascari voted yes.

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 Mascari moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by a 6-1 voice vote. Councilor Harrison voted no. General Ordinance No.7, 2017 was approved on Third Reading with no amendments tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCBA Request

Councilor Templin moved to approve the request to purchase radios instead of the air packs that were budgeted. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution No.11,2017

City Council Desires to Work with Local Business to Promote Green Energy and Solar Power

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

BGFD/BGPD- New station update.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bud Templin: Thanked everyone for coming. Congratulations to Don Smith on his appointment to the Merit Board. As an independent city we deserve good things. We're not building Police & Fire Buildings for show. I don't want to start a fight but we need to look at more than one funding mechanism to get this done. Selling the utility and building buildings for public safety should be 2 different things. Our job is to take care of ourselves. We want to be a city so we need to take care of ourselves. I don't like contracting our street sweeping out, I think we should do that ourselves.

Jim Brooks: Thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked the firefighters and police officers for their service they put their lives on the line for us and they're not always appreciated for it.

Dave Harrison: Thanked everyone for coming.

Councilor Mascari: Thanks to everyone for coming out.

Councilor Lamping: In memory of Lt. Aaron Allan thanks for what you do. Peace.

Councilor Duffer: Thanks to the police and fire for their service. The meetings are hard to hear and see. I would like to see money set aside for equipment upgrades.

Councilor Day: Thanks everyone for coming. God Bless our police and fire.

Mayor Buckley: We should hear something on the OCRA grant any day. Safeway should have a soft opening by the end of the week. Budget in September for First Reading. Citizens Energy/Water is conducting several projects in Beech Grove, water main on 7th Avenue, 18th Street from Albany Street to Main Street, Main Street to 25th Avenue and then 20th Avenue from Churchman to Southern .

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Lamping moved to adjourn. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk–Treasurer