

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2015**

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

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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

“Walk to Remember” Proclamation-*presented by Mayor Buckley*

Mayor Buckley read into the record a proclamation, proclaiming that October is “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month” in Beech Grove, Indiana and presented it to Joanie Cutshaw from St. Francis Hospital. The “Walk to Remember” will take place on Saturday, October 10th, with registration beginning at 9:30 a. m. The Walk will begin at Central Elementary School at 11 a. m. and proceed into Sarah Bolton Park. She expects approximately 1,200 people to participate.

White River Alliance Presentation- *presented by Jill Hoffman, Executive Director*

The Mayors’ Council represents a nine County Region that are working on water. Jill gave a presentation on behalf of the Mayors’ Council. You can visit [White River Alliance Presentation](#) , [Clear Choices](#) or the [White River Festival](#) websites for more information. The festival runs September 11th through September 27th.

Greenscape Commission Arbor Day Event- *presented by Sister Sheila*

Sister Sheila announced an event to be held on Saturday, October 3rd, from 11:00am to 3:00pm hosted by the Greenscape Commission and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. It will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles located at 712 Main Street. “Keep Indianapolis Beautiful” will also have a booth available. If you bring a canned good you will receive a seedling. Food and family- friendly activities will be available. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

MAYOR BALLARD LIAISON’S REPORT: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented the August 3rd, 2015 meeting minutes to the Council. Councilor Davidson moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Greenscape Commission- Sister Sheila gave a report above.

Redevelopment Commission-on file.

Public Safety –on file

Compliance- on file

ABC- none

Financial Report: - *presented by Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan*

The month of August we had a lease/purchase payment due on the trash trucks in the amount of \$38,237.64. There are only 4 payments remaining.

Today we received final approval from the DLGF for the additional appropriations that the Council approved in August. Those were for the purchase of

- New Fire Truck -\$399,000.00
- Tank Removals - \$29,000.00
- BGPD Security Fence- \$27,500.00
- BGPD ADA/Security Doors - \$11,778.00
- Security Cameras at City Hall- \$1813.00
- Police Addl. PERF- \$16,667.00
- Fire Addl. PERF- \$16,562.00

Total- \$502,320.00

The month of August has been busy with preparation of the budget and the salary ordinance. It was found that the 2015 salary ordinance; which my office prepared had an error in it. Judge Wells’ bi-weekly salary was correct, however the yearly salary listed in the ordinance was calculated incorrectly and is over \$1,000.00.

Judge Wells, like other elected officials has not received any pay raise, his bi weekly salary has remained the same. These salary ordinances are a nightmare to prepare, and if you look at the previous history with them- they’re amended almost every year, even before this administration. This Council will have to amend the yearly amount to either coincide with the bi-weekly amount; which is the correct amount of pay, or increase the bi weekly amount to allow a raise in Judge Well’ salary of \$1,000.00. I apologize for the error.

Upon completion of preparing the budget, the clerks in the Clerk-Treasurer's office prepared the budget packets and I distributed those to Mayor Buckley and the Council via email and I also delivered hard copies to their homes on Friday, August 28th for review.

Tonight we have a couple of additional appropriations.

\$70,000.00- is to establish a liability fund for the removal of the old tanks throughout the city. We are required to have a liability fund set up. Craig could better explain why.

\$1,800.00 – is so the parks can use some of the money in the non-reverting fund. Nothing was budgeted last year, because the fund wasn't established yet, and therefore nothing was appropriated. When you review your budget packets this year you will find we have established a budget for that fund.

\$128,000.00- is for the purchase of the new chassis for the ambulance. We had budgeted for lease/purchase payments, but not to pay this amount of money in cash. After review of the 170 fund, there is money to pay cash.

The budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 14th, at 7:00pm.

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. Volunteers and myself built it and have continued to update it.

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	\$3,113,616.21
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$984,373.37
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$272,814.63
City Court	\$100,060.50
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$454,905.25
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$282,563.52
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$584,842.97
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,178.37
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,115.75

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

Councilor Jennings asked for clarification as to where the tanks are located and how many there are. City Attorney Craig Wiley explained that there are two and they are located on City of Beech Grove property.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Ordinance No. 15, 2015

...amends Article I of the Beech Grove Personnel Manual pursuant to "Employee Classification"

Councilor Jennings moved to read 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 Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 15, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 17, 2015

...amends the salary ordinance for appointed employees for the budget year 2015

Councilor Davidson read the ordinance into the record.

Captain's pay increased from \$173.08 to \$230.76

Engineer's pay increased from \$38.46 to \$76.92

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Davidson seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 17, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

General Ordinance No. 18, 2015

...amends Chapter 77 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances pursuant to traffic schedules

Councilor Jennings moved to read 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 Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 18, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

General Ordinance No. 19, 2015

...amends Chapter 153 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances pursuant to addresses on public buildings and property

Current Chapter 153: Building Numbering

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

Clerk- Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Davidson moved to approve the ordinance .Councilor Jennings seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 19, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

General Ordinance No. 20, 2015

...amends Chapter 77 of the Beech Grove Code of Ordinances concerning streets and stop signs
Current Chapter 77, Schedule II. Through Streets and Stop Streets

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 20, 2015 passed on First Reading.

Transfer of Appropriations – *presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented a request for permission to transfer appropriations within the Parks Department. The transfer does not increase the budget.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the transfer. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Transfer of Appropriations- *presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan presented a request for permission to transfer appropriations within the Fire Department. The transfers do not increase the budget.

Chief Cheshire explained they have had a lot of costly repairs with the old fire engine and other repairs and routine maintenance.

Mayor Buckley and Chief Cheshire explained how the increase to the ambulance service rates have affected the revenues for the City of Beech Grove. Mayor Buckley commented that this governing body has given the Fire Department two fire trucks and three ambulances in the past three years. Councilor Davidson asked when the ETA is for the fire truck and ambulance. The fire truck is estimated be ready in February or March and the ambulance should be ready in a few weeks.

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

General Ordinance No. 21, 2015

...additional Appropriations - PST LOIT

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Buckley gave a description of the tanks that need removed and they are as follows:

Sarah Bolton Park- 2 above ground tanks

BGPD & BGFD- 1 above ground diesel fuel tank and 1 underground gasoline tank

DPW- 1 above ground diesel tank and 1 underground tank

The City will replace the diesel tank with a brand new above ground tank and the city will only dispense fuel out of this tank.

The tank at BGPD & BGFD has not been used in many years. Mayor Buckley stated he believes it will be environmentally smart to remove those now. Councilor Jennings asked when the last time the tanks were used and how large are they. Chief Swartz stated that he believes the one at the BGPD hasn't been used in over 4 years and Mayor Buckley stated that he believes it to be a 10,000 gallon tank. The tank at DPW is still being used.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley both agree that their understanding is this is similar to a surety bond and once the project is completed the money will be returned to the public safety fund. Craig commented that many other avenues were researched, but this is the only way to get this completed.

It must pass with a unanimous voice vote on all 3 readings.

It will take approximately 30 days for approval and paperwork.

Councilor Coates moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 21, 2015 passed on First Reading.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 21, 2015 passed on Second Reading.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 21, 2015 passed on Third and Final Reading.

Mayor Buckley stated that the majority of city vehicles use the gas station and that will still apply. The fire engines will fill up at DPW.

General Ordinance No. 24, 2015

...additional Appropriations - PS LOIT and Parks Non-Reverting Fund

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Parks- Non-Reverting Fund- \$1,800.00

Public Safety LOIT- \$128,000.00

Councilor Jennings moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 24, 2015 passed on First Reading.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Dave Mobley- thanked everyone for coming out and enjoy the Fall Festival.

Councilor Jennings- reminded everyone about the Arbor Day Celebration on October 3rd, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Main Street.

Also, check out the festivities planned for the [White River Festival](#).

Beech Grove Football Team is 3 and 0 and they are putting up some record numbers and playing exceptionally well.

The Girls Volleyball Team started out slow they were 0 and 4 going into the Cowan tournament up in Muncie and they decided if they had to drive that far they were going to win. They came up against some tough teams across the State of Indiana, but they came away the champs and brought home a very nice trophy. They're a great group of kids and they make Beech Grove proud.

Councilor Dave Harrison- none

Councilor Anthony Davidson- thanked everyone for coming and he is looking forward to the Promoters Fall Festival.

Councilor Ed Bell- thanked everyone for coming and it looks like great weather for the fall festival next week.

Councilor Mary Stewart- absent

Councilor Kathy Coates- reminder of the [White River Festival](#). And her grandson plays on the Beech Grove Football Team and it is fun to watch them.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget is Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers and all the members need to bring their budget packets. Also, Beech Grove Homecoming Parade steps-off from Beech Grove Middle School at 5:15, Friday, September 11th, and the game will follow at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Buckley reminded everyone that Friday, September 11th should be kept in remembrance of all those who lost their lives and the Fire and Police who serve. Also, Southwood Baptist Church will host a service at 6:30 pm and the public is invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Jennings moved to adjourn. Councilor Mobley seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, September 14th, 2015, at 7:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes prepared by: Dan McMillan

