

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, 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. Absent Liz Lamping.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of BGHS Boys Swim/Dive Team

Recognition of BGHS Boys Wrestling Team

Proclamation for Disability Awareness:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pam Stallard spoke on rate increase for sewers, Mayor Buckley did not agree with what Pam stated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jim Brooks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dave Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayors Youth Council: None

RDC: Report in the packet

ABC: Report in the packet

Greenscape Commission: Report in the packet

Financial Report: presented by Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan

Good Evening Councilors,

In February, we paid a lease purchase payment on the trash trucks in the amount of \$38,238.00.

We filed 248 sewage lien releases.

Fund #744 “Main Street Payments” has a balance in the fund of \$21,014.00. There is only one active business paying into the fund and that business has two loans.

Friday, we received a payment from Todd Roberts of Unified for approximately \$319,000.00. We will use \$81,000.00 from the insurance budget and the \$319,000.00 and transfer the \$400,000.00 that we borrowed back into the Rainy Day Fund this week. Curt Donely is holding \$51,000.00 that will go toward our premiums. He is not permitted by law to pay that to the City, it must be paid to the IACT Trust. We will use \$81,000.00 from the insurance budget and the \$319,000.00 and transfer the money back into the Rainy Day Fund this week.

The interest on the TAW came in at 2.77% the highest it has ever been. I’ve spoken to the bond bank and they stated it is because of the assessed evaluation. I have already contacted two banks to inquire about our tax anticipation warrant for 2018. It is in the preliminary stages. Also, in June we always make a payment that is approximately half of the balance of the loan, if we have the money and there are not any pre-payment penalties, I would like to pay it in full.

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	\$4,393,619.48
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$908,207.65
City Court	119,005.25
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$201,117.88
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$206,695.68
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

Compliance Division: Report in the packet.

Public Safety: Report in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

[General Ordinance No. 3, 2017](#)

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

Public Hearing for Sewer Rate Adjustments was opened by Mayor Buckley.

Citizens Comments:

Pam Stallard- spoke in opposition to the increase and Mayor Buckley stated he wanted his dissention to her comments noted.

Councilor Duffer 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.

After discussion, it was decided that Second Reading will not be done until April 3, 2017.

The meeting on March 20th, 2017 will be for further discussion and no decision will be made.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion.
General Ordinance No.3, 2017 was approved for First Reading.

American Legion Post #276 Beech Grove presented the City with two Flags to fly over the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bud Templin: I don't want to get into selling or not selling the utility tonight. I was happy to see the recognition Beech Grove High School Athletes. I would like to thank Jeff, Mayor and Clerk Treasurer for their input.

Jim Brooks: Thanks for everyone for attending the meeting, looks like we have a lot of hard work ahead of us.

Dave Harrison: Congratulations to the High School athletes, I attended the boys basketball against Danville they took a hard defeat. The sewer increase is not on us, it is Citizens Energy mandating this on us.

Councilor Lamping: Absent

Councilor Duffer: Thanks to all that attended the meeting tonight. I wanted to speak to my constituents no one wants a rate increase I try to do everything I can for the citizens of Beech Grove this is being forced on us by Citizens Energy. There were good points made by Mayor and Clerk Treasurer. Contact me and let me know your thoughts.

Councilor Day: Nothing

Councilor Mascari: Very interesting meeting thanks for the welcome. Rates have been good for a long time. Looks like we have some work ahead of us.

ADJOURNMENT: Chris Duffer moved to adjourn. Jim Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk- Treasurer