

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2016**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Dave Harrison, Jim Brooks, Kevin Day, Chris Duffer, and Elizabeth Lamping. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Absent, Councilor Bell.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Recommendation to Upgrade Beech Grove Police Station- Mayor Buckley read into the record a request to do an additional appropriation to purchase bullet proof windows in the Beech Grove Police Department not to exceed \$27,500.00 and to

Councilor Brooks moved to allow the Chief to proceed to purchase bullet proof windows for the police department not to exceed \$27,500.00. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan asked that before obtaining an additional appropriation he be allowed to review the remaining money in the 2017 budget to see if money can be found to fund the project.

Changes to IDACS- Chief Swartz reported that Speedway Police Department has notified Beech Grove that as of January 1, 2017 they will no longer be handling the IDACS for the City. Speedway has been performing the service for the past 4 to 5 years and because of the increased demands of their own department they are unable to continue to provide the service to the City of Beech Grove. An IDACS Coordinator must be hired and IDACS certified personal added. Money was not appropriated in the budget, nor is there a position in the salary ordinance to accommodate the position. Council must amend the salary ordinance in December to accommodate the new position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Duffer moved to amend the minutes on page two, it currently reads “the tax dollars received our governed” correct to read “are governed” and page three first paragraph reads “community events can be added free of charge by emailing me at the above address” and there isn’t an email address, only a URL and you can’t email an URL.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Youth Council - The high school principal and a student gave a brief update of upcoming events including, the 100th celebration, the Beech Grove City Schools Thanksgiving Dinner, the Wizard of Oz play, fall sports, Robotics team, Winter Guard and Winter Tip-off to highlight the winter teams.

RDC Committee – Report on file.

ABC - No report this month

Greenscape Commission – Report on file.

Compliance Division- Report on file.

Public Safety – Chief Swartz reported that they used the Narcam and it was successful on this case. The state is issuing a recall on all the free Narcam that was distributed because it is failing to mist correctly. Shots fired at Beech Grove Village, but the victim didn't call in until 45 minutes after the shots were fired. Neighbors heard it, but they did not report it. That apartment complex has received reports of drug deals going on. Police have been assigned in the area and a vehicle and buyer have been identified, so this has stopped. Management of the complex have been the eyes and ears for the department. There have been a couple of armed robberies with guns, no injuries, they got the money and left, no cameras, and bad descriptions, suspects fled north or south. Information on the drug box was reported. The second radar unit has been placed on Grovewood Drive. It collects data and they will be able to determine the time and speed of the operators, to strategically place the officers to catch the offenders. Data is being collected from both units. Halloween went good. The area where the fuel tank was removed is still being tested and monitored.

Financial Report- Clerk-Treasurer, Dan McMillan

Good Evening Councilors,

In October, we paid the following lease/purchase payment:
Skidsteer- \$7,892.73

I have included the following requests for approval this evening:

A request to increase appropriations in Fund No. 606, IDPW and Landfill appropriations. Also, I have several requests for transfers of funds and appropriations that do not affect the budget. The fund transfers are mostly funds that were created for a specific purpose and that purpose has been completed. The funds must have a zero balance and no activity for one year before they can be completely closed in Keystone.

Tonight, Resolution No.13, encumbering funds, will be presented to preserve the additional appropriations you approved earlier to fund the Restricted Rainy Day Special grant fund for paving and the Churchman Avenue Project grant for pedestrian paths.

Next week, I will be holding informational meetings on Internal Controls at Hornet Park for employees and officials. The 5 Components and 17 principals of Internal Controls will be discussed. General Ordinance No. 12, 2016, was created to explicitly comply with state statute regarding this issue. Three different meetings on three different days and times will be offered.

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	\$3,806,059.86
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$937,242.09
City Court	\$171,146.50
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$165,482.27
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$201,871.51
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$584,842.97
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,312.30
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,165.35

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 No 21, 2016

...Amends the entire Personnel Manual for the City of Beech Grove

Tabled in October until December.

General Ordinance No. 25, 2016

...Creates a Department of Economic Development

Councilor Duffer moved to 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 by title only.

Councilor Duffer asked that written documentation be made in the record for the following;

- He reviewed the ordinance and compared it to the state ordinance regarding 36-7-12-14 and it is in conflict. City Attorney, Craig Wiley stated that the ordinance cannot supersede state statute, so it does need to be a little clearer.
- In Section Three, it speaks to “qualified”, how do we know when they’re qualified. Mayor Buckley suggested amending to provide the description of qualification.
- In Section Four, speaking to a quorum conflicts with state statute. Amend to read as follows;” a majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the Commission shall be necessary to authorize any action.
- Councilor Lamping amended Section Three to read “must either be a resident of the city”
- Councilor Duffer read state statute, IC 36-7-12-15, regarding pay and reimbursement for expenses. He thinks they should specifically state that there is no per diem amount, or no pay. Councilor Duffer also stated that they can obtain bonds and Councilor Templin stated that they have the authority to raise taxes. Councilor Duffer is concerned that a volunteer committee would have that much authority and City Attorney, Craig Wiley did agree that the city would ultimately be responsible for any bonds if the EDC did not pay those. Councilor Duffer thinks they need to be careful about writing this into law and putting the taxpayers on the hook for this. Councilor Duffer read state statute IC 36-7-12-18 regarding the powers that are given to this EDC.

Councilor Templin moved to table the ordinance until January. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote. City Attorney, Craig Wiley will prepare a presentation on EDC’s.

Mayor Buckley asked what does they tell the people that are going to be calling him and asking him about this ordinance and can he have them contact the Council. Councilor Duffer asked the Mayor, who these people are. Mayor Buckley stated that it is Next Stop Beech Grove. Councilor Duffer stated that he can give them his telephone number.

NEW BUSINESS:

[Resolution No.13, 2016](#)

...Encumbering Funds

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the resolution into the record.

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

[General Ordinance No.26, 2016](#)

...Amends Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Pursuant to One-Way Streets and Alleys

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Duffer commented that he spoke to ten households on Parkway and without exception they all are against it becoming one-way and they would like it paved.

Councilor Duffer moved to amend the ordinance- to strike the Parkway part from the ordinance, so Parkway will be a two-way street from 11th to 13th Avenues. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance with the amendment. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 26, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

General Ordinance No.27, 2016

...Amends Chapter 96 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Pursuant to Heavy Trash Pick-Up

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 27, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

General Ordinance No. 28, 2016

...Amends Chapter 77 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Pursuant to Traffic Schedules

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Templin moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 28, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

Councilor Duffer moved to read by title only for Second and Third Readings. 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. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 28, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

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. 28, 2016 was approved for Third Reading.

General Ordinance No.29, 2016

...Tax Anticipation Warrant

Councilor Brooks 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 Bell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 29, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

Appropriation Increases

Fund and Appropriation Transfers

Mayor Buckley requested that the increases and transfers be done as one.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the Appropriation Increases and the Fund and Appropriation Transfers into the record.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the requests. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 29, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

The Clerk-Treasurer explained the conflict of interest, nepotism and contract forms, that must be completed and turned into the Clerk's office before the next Council Meeting on December 5th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Templin- Something that came to mind, I was at Saint Francis and the ambulance came in and it has Beech Grove, Indiana on the side of the ambulance and a plaque where it came from, the Council and so forth, and I believe the Board of Works, but what it made me think of was election day tomorrow, local government is kind of great, national government or federal government you don't know where your money goes, but local government you can look around and see police officers, firefighters and department of public works, employees that work in different departments, you see trucks that go by and police cars and so forth and whether you like the idea of a new police car or firetruck at least you know where your money goes. You could take a notepad and start adding up and get a lot of your dollars that are spent. I think that is the neat thing about local government, especially with the current Mayor and the Clerk and the staff that have been around and department heads a lot of good things we have in this community It was mentioned earlier about IDACS and staffing it 24/7 to try to maintain it, having a city cost money and to do it right, cost money. I think the City of Beech Grove balances it well. I just want to say we can make the most of the community, and I want to thank those that do it every day, the Department Heads, the Mayor's office the Clerk's office, and the Employees of the City, because that is the benefit of living in Beech Grove- is the services we get, and they're as good as anywhere.

Councilor Brooks- There were two things brought up tonight that address the safety of our employees the first was DPW workers and the second was the police department and anything we can do to help them out and keep them safe I'm for it one hundred percent. Thanks, everyone for showing up.

Councilor Harrison -Thanks everyone for showing up and I 'll be glad when Wednesday gets here so we don't have to watch another political ad.

Councilor Bell- No comment

Councilor Lamping- It was brought to my attention recently that the Beech Grove Chamber, what an awesome group of businesses, and I have been told that in the past every Council Member became a part of the chamber, so I got the forms and I intend to become part of the Beech Grove Chamber, it is a small fee of sixty some dollars, but belonging to the Beech Grove Chamber is a great way for us to show support for our businesses. Mayor Buckley remarked that before that she might want to check because the City is a member of the Chamber and she may fall under that. She thought that, but maybe the money could support the chamber.

Councilor Duffer- Just a thank you to our Policeman and our Fireman and our Department of Public Works individuals for everything they do every day, out there on the streets taking care of things. Thank you for that.

Councilor Day- No comment.

Mayor Buckley –

November 11th - City Hall Administration offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day

November 11th - Community Physician Network ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:00am at their new facility behind Taco bell

November 11th - Veterans Day Program at 11:00am on the steps of City Hall

November 16th - Town Hall Meeting at 7:00pm at Hornet Park Community Center- St Francis Property will be discussed and information will be updated

November 19th - *Free* shredding and appliance drop-off from 9:00am to 12:00pm at City Hall

November 21st – Beech Grove City Schools Thanksgiving Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Beech Grove High School Cafeteria- *Free of Charge*

November 22nd – Thanksgiving Church Service at 7:00pm at the South Emerson Church of God

November 24th & 25th -City Hall Administrations are closed in observance of Thanksgiving

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Brooks moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. The next Council meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk- Treasurer