

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Monday, November 16, 2020

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board of Public Works and Safety Members, Dave Harrison, Sandy Seward, and Mayor Buckley were in attendance. Also, in attendance were Clerk Treasurer James Coffman and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

MEETING MINUTES

Clerk Treasurer James Coffman presented the minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting to the Board for approval. Sandy Seward moved to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Corporate Claims were presented in the amount of \$914,238.51. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the Corporate Claims, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Permission to Surplus Equipment- Clerk Treasurer Coffman read a list of items into the record. These items were replaced with equipment as part of the Cares Act reimbursement program. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the surplus equipment, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Vision Benefit Update, Christian Duncan- Christian Duncan discussed the current vision plan with Nationwide and explained that Nationwide will no longer be offering the program. Duncan suggests we move to Reliance Standard, as the benefits and cost will remain the same for two years. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the move to Reliance Standard, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Beam Dental Update, Christian Duncan- There will be no changes in the benefits or cost to the employees for 2021.

Standard Life Insurance Update, Christian Duncan- There will be no changes in the benefits or cost for 2021.

Medicare Supplement Update, Christian Duncan- There will be a 2% cost increase in Medicare supplement for retirees for 2021. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the increase, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

New Ambulance Purchase in 2021- The 2021 budget was approved earlier this month, which included funds to purchase a new ambulance. Sandy Seward made a motion to allow the Chief to begin the process of ordering and purchasing the

new ambulance, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Ambulance Lease in 2021- Sandy Seward made a motion to allow the Clerk Treasurer to secure a lease payment agreement for the new ambulance. Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Professional Service Agreement, Liability Insurance- Kevin Hill, with NFP, discussed the current liability insurance coverage the city has and the plan for 2021. Hill recommends going with ASTRA, as they have the best coverage and cost for the City. An update for the liability insurance is the requirement for all City employees to watch a sexual harassment training as well as new protocol for the School and Buzz Club at the Community Center. Commission will be paid directly to NFP, as a separate payment from the liability coverage. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the liability coverage with ASTRA, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Permission to Hire, DPW- Director Brad Meriwether recommends hiring Anthony Winslow as a part time employee with DPW. Winslow will be filling the part time position vacated by Anthony Thompson when he was promoted to full time on Nov. 2. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the new hire, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

EMS Resignation- EMS employee Aaron Coffey has submitted his resignation with the City of Beech Grove effective Nov. 28, 2020 on good terms. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve Coffey's resignation, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Fill EMS Position- Sandy Seward made a motion to allow the Chief to replace the position vacated by Aaron Coffey with an Employee through Franciscan Alliance. Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Change Order #8 Churchman Roundabout- Damage was done to the South East corner property during construction. This change order of \$6,322.91 is included in the project, with no additional cost to the City. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve Change Order #8, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Change Order #9 Churchman Roundabout- Repair was made to old field tile in front of Viavi Solutions at a cost of \$761.53. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve Change Order #9, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Kinetrix Natural Gas Service Agreement- Each year the City signs an agreement with Kinetrix Energy to provide natural gas to heat the city buildings. This agreement will save the City approximately \$13,000 or 15% over the cost Citizens Energy charges. This agreement automatically renews each year.

Contract Amendments- BGFDF- The board was presented with the following two amendments the BGFDF would like added to their current contract.

1. Adding PPE to the city's responsibility of providing for all Firefighters and Civilians.
2. Adding Juneteenth as a city observed holiday.

Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the two amendments to the BGF D contract, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Seward made such motion, and Dave Harrison seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk Treasurer