

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Monday, February 7, 2022

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 January 18, 2022, meeting to the Board for approval. Sandy Seward made a motion 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 for \$1,603,547.85. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the Corporate Claims, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Work Order Certification - Mayor Buckley explained that there were 2,907 hours that needed to be certified for the OCRA Grant, the paperwork was not found so he requested this item be disregarded.

Request to Hire Part time Employee – DPW- Clerk Treasurer James Coffman read a letter submitted by DPW Director Brad Meriwether requested the hiring of Joe Ramey. Joe currently holds a CDL. He was previously employed with the City and left on good terms. The money for this position is in the budget. If approved, he will start on Tuesday, February 22nd. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve hiring Joe Ramey, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Pay increase DPW Employee Cody Cantrell- Clerk Treasurer James Coffman read a letter submitted by DPW Director Brad Meriwether requesting the promotion of Cody Cantrell to 2nd year laborer effective February 23, 2022. There is money in the budget to fund this increase. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the promotion, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Final Pay Application Miller Pipeline – OCRA Grant- Mayor Buckley deferred to Brent Siebenthal from Wessler. Brent explained to the Board that Miller Pipeline requested their 2nd and final payment of \$31,778.60. Sandy Seward made a

motion to approve the payment, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repair- Brent Siebenthal from Wessler explained about a sewer issue on Hornet Avenue That services Diplomat, High School and Community Center. He would like to get bids on the repairs from 2 companies. He estimated the repairs to be approximately \$85,000. Sandy asked how long a sewer lining would last which was answered 50 years or more. Craig Wiley, City Attorney, said per his letter this would be considered an emergency repair. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to declare this project an emergency and to start the project as soon as possible. Sandy Seward made a motion to declare the project an emergency and to start the project as soon as possible. Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Relocation Services Agreement- This agreement is between the City and Boomerang Ventures. Mayor Buckley referred to City Attorney Craig Wiley who explained that it was for the parcels bought for the police station. The city would have to pay \$4,071 for this service on three parcels. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve this agreement, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Landscaping Bids- Mayor Buckley explained that the landscape bids were for Albany Street Roundabout, Centennial Park, Emerson Avenue, Main Street, Arlington Roundabout, St. Francis Trail Head, and the I 465 Interchange. The city received 3 bids with the lowest bid received from Borgmann Enterprises. Public Works Director Brad Meriwether in his letter of recommendation said the city should stay with Borgmann Enterprises as we have a long-term positive relationship with them. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the Borgmann Enterprises bid, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

EMS Department Employee Step Increase- EMS Chief Cheshire asked for a 2nd year pay increase for Regan Guehn. Upon approval by the board her pay would increase to \$2,932.69 effective February 20th. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the 2nd year, pay increase, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request to Hire BGPD – Chief Mercuri asked that the Board approve the hiring of DeMarcus Johnson for the position of 2nd Year Patrolman. He has successfully completed all the steps in the hiring process. DeMarcus is currently serving as a police officer with IPS and already received his ILEA Certification. If approved, his start date would be February 14th and his base pay would be \$68,111.00. He would fill the vacancy left by Mike Treat's retirement. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the hiring of DeMarcus Johnson, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request to Hire – Community Center Facility Manager Angel Mckenna asks permission to hire the following 4 employees, Toni Schaney, Julie Stewart, Amy Spangler and Tiffany Barton. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the

4 new hires, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

25th and Churchman – Mayor Buckley presented paperwork to the Board regarding the 25th and Churchman roundabout. It was determined that 10 parcels needed to be purchased, not the original 12, which saves the city \$6,070.00. INDOT has ordered an environmental Phase II review of the old gas station for a cost of \$14,500.00. Which is a new cost. Since there are changes, this needed to be approved by the Board. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the changes, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

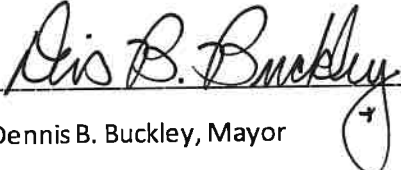
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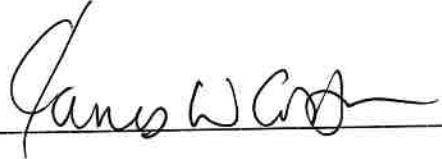
Updates were given on the Thompson Trail, estimated start date will be March 15th. They will start clearing the property and there will be activity in that area. The ceremony for the breaking ground of the new police station will be on April 1, and the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Franciscan Trail will be held on April 15th at 1:00 pm in Sarah T. Bolton Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Seward made the motion to adjourn the meeting,

Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.


Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor


James W. Coffman, Clerk Treasurer