

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present, City Councilors, Buddy Templin, Jim Brooks, Dave Harrison, Ed Bell, Elizabeth Lamping, Chris Duffer and Kevin Day. Also present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk-Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney, Craig Wiley.

**All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month-** Mayor Buckley proclaimed the month of October, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and presented it to St. Francis Representative, Joanie Cutshaw and he gave a brief description of the Walk to Remember.

**Constitution Week –** Mayor Buckley proclaimed September 17-23, 2016 Constitution Week. Mayor Buckley presented the proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution and he gave a brief description of their organization.

**Next Stop, Beech Grove –** gave a brief description of their committee and their goals.

**Outreach-** gave a brief description of their business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Meeting minutes from July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were presented to the Council.**

Councilor Lamping moved to amend the minutes. Councilor Bell Seconded the Motion; which was defeated 5 to 2. Councilors Lamping and Bell voted yes, to amend. Councilors Brooks, Day, Duffer, Harrison, and Templin voted no, to amend.

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved 5 to 2. Councilors Bell and Lamping voting no.

**Meeting minutes from August 1, 2016 were presented to the Council.**

Councilor Lamping moved to amend the minutes to include the Council closing comments. Councilor Duffer Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Templin moved to table the August 1, 2016 minutes until the amendments are included and reviewed by Council. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ron Mote and Neighbor- Spoke to the noise issue in their neighborhood.

Pam Stallard- Spoke to tall grass on Churchman Avenue, and amending the ordinance to include certain farm animals and to voice her displeasure at how some people acted during council meetings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Youth Council-** The principal spoke to homecoming, chrome books, and the ribbon cutting for the new addition to the high school. She also reported the community service date is scheduled for October 26,2016.

**Greenscape Commission-** *on file*

**RDC-** *on file*

**ABC-** *presented by Ashley Piland, Beech Grove Representative for Marion County Alcohol Commission-* Ashley reported that three licenses were up for renewal- A1 Liquors, Silver Bullet and Beech Grove Bowl. All were approved.

**Financial Report -**

Good Evening Councilors,

In August we paid the following lease/purchase payment: Trash Trucks- \$38,238.00. We only have two payments reaming on this lease and it will be paid off in August of 2017.

Once again, with the assistance of the Indiana Bond Bank “Help Program”, we were able to secure a great interest rate of 1.762% through US Bank. This is for the purchase of seven vehicles for the Public Works Department/Parks Department.; which are included in the 2016 budget and will be included in the budgets going forward.

I have included the following requests for approval this evening:

A request to increase the appropriation in Fund No. 605 Stormwater an additional \$100,000.00.

Jeff Peter’s office has quit doing the bank recs’s because it takes too many hours and is not profitable to them.

I have amendments that I am presenting to General Ordinance NO. 12 ,2016, Internal Controls.

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](http://www.beechgrove.com).

The bank balances are listed below:

City Corporation	\$4,324,808.22
City utilities/Sewage/Wastewater	\$785,714.92
Main Street Redevelopment/Main Street Loans	\$0.00
City Court	\$130,938.90
Criminal Investigations (CIF)	\$165,482.27
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) General	\$253,355.71
Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Debt Service	\$584,842.97
BNY-Mellon 2004 SRF Debt Service Reserve	\$136,271.73
Huntington National Bank Reserve	\$64,149.23

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 Report-** Derek reported that they have gotten their data back that was lost several weeks ago when the server went down at the fire department. Over 110 grass violations were written in one week in August. They have inherited a truck from DPW and he reviewed the grass violations. Improvements are being made to the problem house on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

[General Ordinance No.12, 2016](#)  
[Added Amendments](#)

*Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the amendments into the record.*

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the amendments. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

[General Ordinance No. 13, 2016](#)

[Committee First Review Notes](#)

*...Amends Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances pursuant to Building Permit fees*

City Attorney Craig Wiley read the amendment into the record; which is to remove, Section 150.072, Annual Listing Fees, this is outside of state, and it is in violation of the Commerce Clause, you cannot charge somebody out of state higher fees.

Councilor Bell moved to amend. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion to amend; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Duffer moved that the ordinance be 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 Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 13, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

[General Ordinance No. 15, 2016](#)

*Chapter 39 [Ordinance Violations Bureau] Amendment*

*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. 15, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

[General Ordinance No. 16, 2016](#)

*Massage Therapy Clinics*

Councilor Duffer moved that the ordinance be 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 Duffer seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 16, 2016 was approved for Third and Final Reading.

### General Ordinance No. 18, 2016

#### *Parking*

*Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.*

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 18, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

### General Ordinance No. 19, 2016

#### *Stop Signs*

Councilor Harrison moved to amend to include, South bound East bound Park Emerson at Butler. Councilor Brook seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

*Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.*

Councilor Duffer moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Bell seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 19, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

### General Ordinance No. 20, 2016

#### *Social Media Policy*

#### Guide to the Police Department's Facebook Policy

Councilor Duffer moved that the ordinance be 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 Duffer moved to amend page one, to read “comments or posts made by the public to any social media page under the control of the City of Beech Grove” ... Councilor Templin seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 20, 2016 was approved for Second Reading.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

[Request to Increase Appropriations in Fund #605 Stormwater](#)

*Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the request into the record.*

Councilor Bell moved to approve the increase to the appropriation. Councilor Lamping seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

[General Ordinance No 21, 2016](#)

*Amends the entire personnel manual for the City of Beech Grove*

Councilor Duffer moved that the ordinance be 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.*

Councilor Brooks moved to approve the ordinance with the amendment. Councilor Duffer seconded the Motion: which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance No. 18, 2016 was approved for First Reading.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Templin** - Dave Harrison and Kevin Day had a town hall meeting and I thought those two did a great job. One of the guest speakers there was Nathan Rinks and Chief, he represented the department more than well. Kind of like this handbook there is an easier way to understand what you get without having to go back to all the ordinances and something that people will read and Nathan Rinks did the same thing, I don't know how you say it, communicate and feedback well, I think he represented the police department very well. I think tonight our meetings can be entertaining sometimes in a bad way, but I wanted to give a compliment to the mayor and the clerk for four years maybe they have to take headache pill from different time when it comes to city government, but city government in Beech Grove gets done, and for the most part pretty well. I'm not sure if it's an antidote for other communities, or whether or not it works every time, and maybe there is an easier way to have processes when you have the clerk's office the mayor's office and the council engaging things and I look at it in a more positive way. I just want to say to both of them good job for the things they get done for the community along with all the others that have involvement too, the department heads and the people that work for the city, as well as the council. The council before us, I even mentioned about the stormwater fees and how things come to work together, more of a compliment in that regards.

**Councilor Brooks** - I would like to thank this committee for working on this manual, I think it's something that has been needed for a long time. I know that our council will go through it and inject maybe some changes that we suggest, but I think you guys did a great job. The only other thing I want to say is that there is going to be a softball tournament at Beech Grove Middle School. It's the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Chris Ogden Charity Softball Tournament for cancer it's Saturday at eleven o'clock. There will be six games, it's all a fun tournament, no trophies, if you hit it over the fence you're out. We're just going to have fun, if you just want to stop by and watch and have a hot dog, come on'.

**Councilor Harrison** - I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight and I enjoyed it. I will say, I think one of our guest tonight was right, I think we need to air our laundry somewhere else besides the council meeting, even though there are pertinent things, I understand that, and I guess Liz for you, I'm not saying it's wrong, but I've never been asked to explain a vote, and I don't know as I ever will; which is why I didn't and it's nothing against you, I understand that, believe me the previous four years I often thought why certain people voted the way they did, and I use to want to call them out on it too, but I think it was not right, but that being said, and by the way Officer Rinks he was the best part of the meeting, he was very good. I think people were more interested in him than anything else. Ed, I know I asked you in my first term about this manual, and you told me at one time we're working on it and I want to thank you for not asking me to be on this committee, because two years later or three we've got it and from what I've read so far it's very interesting.

**Councilor Bell** - Thank you, Dave. I want to personally thank the committee, all the employees, you know who you are, and definitely the department heads, many of them after the meeting had their homework, they had to do research and then come back to the table again and we would talk, and we got it all ironed out, so thank you once again, you did a fantastic job and I knew we could count on you. Thanks.

**Councilor Lamping** - I'll agree as far as the manual, I think it's a great thing and I had the opportunity to sit in on some of the meetings and it was awesome to be a part of it, another plug is for the Beech Grove Football Team, they beat Speedway 68 to 42, they have not lost a game, they will be playing Secina at Tech, I believe that Tech is Secina's home field. Councilor Brooks commented, "they are playing at University of Indianapolis from what I understand". Councilor Lamping concluded by saying, anyway, wherever their home field, someone said it was a Tech, but maybe their venue has changed, but go Hornets .

**Councilor Duffer** - I want to say thank you the Beech Grove Police Department for handling Ron Mote and his neighbor's problem. That is what I like about this city. A man can come into this council chamber, talk about what is bothering him and the police department is responsive, and so is the council and the mayor. I appreciate that. That's nice about living in a small city. I want to give a shout out to you guys for that. There was a little bit of information on Dan's financial report. I'm not trying to stick up for him, but Dan and I are neighbors, and I remember the days when Dan would come and talk at some of the council meetings where Joe Wright was mayor, and there were no financial figures, you guys didn't know what was in the bank, you had no idea, you didn't know what was being spent, and now days it's right out here in black and white, and I think he disliked those days with such a vengeance, that this is why he does

what he does now, and I'm grateful. We started it when I was Clerk-Treasurer, telling the council exactly what we had in the bank and I'm glad he has continued it.

**Councilor Day-** I just want to thank everybody for coming and like Buddy and Dave both said, Rinks did a great job at the town hall meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn. Councilor Templin seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm. The next meeting is the Budget Hearing and Additional Appropriation Hearing scheduled for next Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00pm.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer