

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 1, 2020

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

Roll Call-

Present: City Council Members, Buddy Templin, Kevin Day, Dave Harrison, Elizabeth Lamping, Kara Ferguson, Robert Ferguson, and President Pro-Tem Gary Hall. Also, present were, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer James W. Coffman, and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Special Presentations-

**Revisit General Ordinance #2, 2020 – Apartments-** Currently, apartments are being billed based on usage. The current ordinance increased commercial sewer bills by approximately 60% and residential bills by 25%. Karen from Willow Glenn apartment complex spoke to the Council. Karen is in favor of continuing to be billed based on usage and not per unit. They currently have about a 96% occupancy rate. Clerk Treasurer Coffman answered questions in regards to billing and current rates.

**Little League Donation-** Councilor Day would like to donate the \$9,500 cost of the fireworks that have been canceled to the BG Little League and Softball leagues. Questions on boundaries and current needs were raised. Board Member provided some answers and further discussion. Councilor Day made a motion to donate \$9,500 to the Little League and Softball leagues, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was followed by a voice vote of 5 to 2. Councilors R. Ferguson, Templin, K. Ferguson, Hall, and Lamping voted against the motion, while Councilors Day and Harrison voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes-

**May 1, 2020-** Councilor Templin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Day seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports-

**ABC** – Did not meet.

**RDC-** Did not meet. Next scheduled meeting is for June 11, at 7:00.

**Compliance-** Closed

**Greenscape-** Did not meet.

**Financial Report-** Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$1,758,792.68

Utilities \$719,779.90

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$31,422.70

RDC General \$299,974.50

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Public Comments-

None.

Old Business-

**General Ordinance #3, 2020- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-** Councilor Day made a motion to read General Ordinance #3 by title only, R. Ferguson seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous voice vote. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #3, 2020 on second reading, R. Ferguson seconded the motion, which was followed by unanimous voice vote.

**General Ordinance #3, 2020- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading-** Councilor Day made a motion to read General Ordinance #3 by title only, R. Ferguson seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous voice vote. Councilor Day made a motion to approve General Ordinance #3, 2020 on third reading, Lamping seconded the motion, which was followed by a unanimous voice vote.

**RDC Appointments-** Councilor R. Ferguson made a motion to table the RDC appointments until July 6th, Day seconded the motion, which was followed by a unanimous voice vote.

New Business-

**General Ordinance #4, 2020- Tax Anticipation Warrant-** Cancelled.

Council Comments-

**Councilor Harrison** – Thank you to the Police and Fire department for all they do.

**Councilor Day** – No comment.

**Councilor Lamping-** Stay safe and work together!

**Councilor Hall-** Sympathy goes out to Chief Cheshire and his family. Also, Citizens Energy offers assistance to those in need. More information can be found on your monthly Citizen's bill.

**Councilor Kara Ferguson-** No comment.

**Councilor Templin-** Prayers for Chief Cheshire and family. Thanks to the Police and Fire for all they do. Congratulations to Stephanie for the Senior Center grant!

**Councilor Robert Ferguson-** Thank you to everyone for the show of support for local law enforcement. It is appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn; Councilor R. Ferguson seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk-Treasurer