

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 3, 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 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-

Moment of Silence for BG residents and employees that have recently passed away. Dick Greenfield, Grady Shipley, Ron Eck, Webb Huntzinger, and Kitty Thomas.

Relay for Life update and events, Jim Brooks.

Youth Council update from Athletic Director.

Approval of Minutes-

January 6, 2020 – Councilor Lamping moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Robert Ferguson seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

Bonnie Dickenson- Kara Ferguson made motion to allow her six minutes, Kevin Day seconded the motion. Expressed interest being appointed to the RDC and also voiced several concerns about local government.

Barbara Hook- Expressed interest in being appointed to the RDC.

Jannis King- Expressed interest in being appointed to the RDC.

Committee Reports-

ABC – None

RDC- First meeting took place on January 16th. Two resolutions were passed concerning reimbursement of expenses and conflict of interest. Next meeting is February 20th. At the March 16th RDC meeting, Crossroad Engineers will be there to answer questions about the Greenway. 2020 RDC goals was discussed along with RDC Bond information.

Compliance Report- packet.

Greenscape- packet.

Public Safety- packet.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$3,112,282.38

Utilities \$521,352.38
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$50,999.95
RDC General \$301,615.59
RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Old Business-

RDC Resignation- Tara Wolf's letter was read into the record. Dave Harrison made a motion to approve her resignation, Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was followed by a voice vote of six ayes and one nay by Kevin Day.

President Pro-Tem- Gary Hall raised concerns about Indiana Code concerning the Mayor and the removal of himself from the meeting to conduct Council votes. Gary Hall insists we that we all work together.

Mayor Buckley opened the floor to fill the vacant RDC Council appointment. Kara Ferguson nominated Barbara Hook, Robert Ferguson seconded the motion, which was followed by a voice vote of four ayes and three nays. Barbara Hook is appointed for a one-year term to the RDC.

Gary Hall- Would like to discuss parking issues at 5th and Main and requests a committee to discuss his findings and data. Gary Hall made a motion to approve a committee, Buddy Templin seconded the motion, which was followed by a unanimous voice vote. Committee will consist of Councilors Gary Hall, Buddy Templin, and Robert Ferguson.

New Business-

Resolution #3, 2020, Encumbrance of Funds- Paving project and sidewalk work that was completed in 2019 has not yet been invoiced out. There is a request to encumber funds from the 2019 budget to the current year to cover two invoices that have yet to be received from Smith Projects and Robertson Paving. Any funds not spent from the encumbrance will be absorbed into the general fund. Motion to approve the request was made by Lamping, seconded by Harrison, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #1, 2020 Trash Fee- General Ordinance #1 is an ordinance that amends chapter 96 of the code of ordinances pursuant to fees collected for trash pick up in residential and commercial properties. Niki Franklin from Peters Consulting was present to discuss suggested rates. Kevin Day made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, Buddy Templin seconds the motion, which was followed by a unanimous voice vote. Buddy Templin made motion to approve Ordinance #1 on first reading, seconded by Kevin Day, and approved on first reading by unanimous voice vote. Second and third readings will take place on February 18th. There will be a town hall meeting to discuss this ordinance on February 10th.

General Ordinance #2, 2020 Sewer Fees- General Ordinance #2 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 50 of the code of ordinances for the City of Beech Grove pursuant to fees charged to Beech Grove Sewage Works customers for the treatment of wastewater. Citizens Energy group has raised the cost of treating wastewater and will continue to do so over the next several years as approved by the IURC. Discussions are had to find solutions on how to become less reliant on the sewer funds to cover other city costs/services. Dave Harrison made a motion to approve Ordinance #2 on first reading, seconded by Elizabeth Lamping, and followed by a voice vote of four ayes, three nays. Second and third readings will take place on February 18th, 2020. There will be a town hall meeting to discuss this ordinance on February 10th.

Council Comments-

Councilor Templin – Congratulated Barbara Hook on being appointed to the RDC. Buddy is looking forward to the town hall meeting next week to discuss these ordinances.

Councilor Day – Thanks for coming, congratulations Barbara Hook.

Councilor Harrison- Thanked everyone for coming and provided a sports update.

Councilor Lamping- Thanks to everyone for coming, congratulations to Barbara Hook, and thanks to Jannis King for volunteering to serve.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Thanks for coming and congratulations to Barbara Hook.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Thanks for coming and congratulations to Barbara Hook. Thanks to everyone for their love and support in regard to the accident he was involved in and urged all to be safe.

Councilor Hall- Congratulations to Barbara Hook, thanks to those for volunteering and coming.

Mayor Buckley- Town hall meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00. This is open to the public and information on adjustments of trash and sewer rates will be shared.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Harrison moved to adjourn, and Councilor Day seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm. The City Council will meet for a special meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer