

BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 4, 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-

Moment of Silence in Memory of IMPD Officer Breann Leath.

National Day of Prayer- May 7th.

Approval of Minutes-

March 2, 2020 (no meeting was held in April)- Councilor Day moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments-

None.

Committee Reports-

ABC – Did not meet.

RDC- Elizabeth Lamping- Last meeting was held telephonically. The RDC showed a bank balance of \$299,974.50 and approved claims in the amount of \$5,334.18. Nathan Rinks was appointed as Vice President. Since the meeting two members, Grenoble and Hook resigned their positions.

Compliance Report- Division is closed with plans to reopen on May 26th.

Greenscape- Did not meet.

Financial Report- Clerk Treasurer, James W. Coffman

Current bank balances are listed below-

City Corporation \$2,204,782.40

Utilities \$641,891.49

Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF) \$38,286.70

RDC General \$299,974.50

RDC Debt Service (DSR) \$240,000.00

Old Business-

Resignations of RDC- Dave Grenoble and Barb Hook have resigned their positions on the RDC. These positions are

appointed by the City Council. Local resident Ben Easley has expressed in serving on the board and met with Councilor Robert Ferguson. President Pro-Tem Gary Hall opened discussion as to why three resignations have occurred in just a few months. Is there something they are doing wrong? Concerns have been raised in regard to the stormwater fees and payment of video recording of meetings. Several opinions have been provided with little agreement between the RDC members and legal professionals involved. Day made a motion to table the RDC nominations, Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2, with nay votes from Councilors Lamping and Kara Ferguson.

New Business-

Resolution #5, 2020 Franciscan Donation- Resolution #5 authorizes the City of Beech Grove to accept the gift of real property from Franciscan Alliance, INC., formally known as Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc. The City of Beech Grove will have a trail head installed on this small piece of property. No money will be exchanged as part of this resolution. Lamping made a motion to approve Resolution #5, Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Ordinance #3, 2020 Ambulance Billing Rates- This ordinance amends Chapter 34, Section 34.15 (B) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove pursuant to charges for ambulance responses generated by the Beech Grove Fire Department. Day made a motion to approve Ordinance #3 on first reading only, Templin seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Conflict of Interest-

Angel McKenna runs the Community Center. Her son was recently hired by the Parks Department. McKenna will not have a direct line of supervision over her son but wanted to be sure the relationship was acknowledged.

Nathan Rinks is employed by the City of Beech Grove Police Department and recently appointed to serve on the RDC.

Cathy Chappell is currently employed part time in the Compliance Office and also serves on the RDC.

Elizabeth Lamping serves on the City Council and was also recently appointed to serve on the RDC.

Motion to approve the four Conflict of Interest forms was made by Templin, seconded by Robert Ferguson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Comments-

Councilor Harrison – No comment.

Councilor Day – Thanks to all the 1st Responders. In light of the July 3rd fireworks being canceled, suggests the possibility of moving the money for fireworks over to the Little League and Softball leagues. Day will bring this up at our next meeting.

Councilor Hall- Asked for follow-up in regard to the apartment sewer billing. Mayor Buckley gave the Apartment Complex owners the option of coming in front of the City Council to address the issues. This will take place at the June meeting.

Councilor Kara Ferguson- Brought up the possibility of donating to a local food bank. There are three places in Beech Grove, Church of Hope, Servants Heart, and the Community Center that offer free food to those in need.

Councilor Templin- Thanks to the all those that work in the medical, EMS, Police, and Fire.

Councilor Robert Ferguson- Brought up an issue with banners along Emerson Avenue Corridor. These were purchased by Beautify Beech Grove last year and were very poor quality and will be removed soon. Thanks to all for the support in regard to the tragic loss of Officer Leath.

Councilor Lamping- Drive by the back of my house to see a new mural just painted by Cherie Joy on her shed. There is a true message of Hope!

Mayor Buckley- Asked Attorney Craig Wiley to explain the order of enforcement when it comes to directives provided by the Governor, Mayor Hogsett and himself.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Templin moved to adjourn; Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk–Treasurer