

**BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2018**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council Members, Bud Templin, Jim Brooks, Dave Harrison, Vito Mascari. 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:

Youth Council

Principal Liz Walters and a high school student gave an update on current events at the high school.

Community Safety Recognition

The City of Beech Grove was recognized as the 19th safest city in Indiana. Mayor Buckley congratulated Chief Swartz and the Beech Grove Police department for their efforts

RDC 2019 Budget & Goals

President Donald Webb discussed the goals for signage over 465 and the Greenway.

He also discussed TIF funds and the expiration of the RDC and he presented to the Council the 2019 RDC Budget line by line.

Councilor Duffer moved to table the budget until January. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 5, 2018 – Councilor Brooks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susie McMillan- spoke to concerns relating to the financial future of the City of Beech Grove and the fact that the City Council approved a salary ordinance that is not funded in the budget.

Dave Grenoble- spoke to Resolution No. 8, 2018 regarding the possible sale of the utility business and the revenue that would have to be replaced to fund the city as the city receives a PILOT and a ROI payment.

Former Mayor Wiley- spoke to his support of the sale of the sewer and his support to build new public safety facilities. He also included historical facts from his years of serving the City of Beech Grove both as a former Police Chief and Mayor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ABC – none

Green Scape Commission – in the Packet

Compliance Division – in the Packet

Public Safety – in the packet

Financial Report – presented by Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan

Beech Grove City Council
Dennis Buckley, Mayor
Craig Wiley, City Attorney

We once again did not apply for a tax anticipation warrant for 2019. A TAW is a short term fix for a long term problem.

In October we made a lease/purchase payment on the skidsteer in the amount of \$7,892.73.

In November there weren't any payments due.

In December we have a lease/purchase payment due on the senior bus in the amount of \$5,630.98 and we also have a 2015A Revenue Bond payment due in the amount of \$34,478.15

Stormwater Fund Balance - \$227, 004.78

General Fund Balance as of November 30, 2018 - \$50, 001.16

I have applied for a loan in the amount of \$260,000.00 using the HELP Indiana program through the Bond Bank for air packs for the fire department. The total for the air packs is approximately \$310,000.00 and the city will put a down payment of \$50,000.00 toward that; which was budgeted for in 2018.

In early November we completed an audit with the State Board of Accounts for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. It began in October and was expected to last until the end of the year, however with the information provided quickly and efficiently they were able to complete that in a much shorter time frame. Because the audit was completed in a shorter time frame the cost will be less than the \$14,500.00, they originally quoted us. The results will be released in January.

I continue to warn the Board of Works, Council and Mayor against overspending and over hiring what the budget will support. I have stated over and over again, this is dangerous waters you are trading on.

I have included the balance for the general fund; which is \$50,001.16. You will see that fund roll over into the negative for a time in December until tax money arrives. It will be worse next year because you have approved a salary ordinance that is not funded, I just want to make sure you all understand this, so for my last year I will reiterate this. It reminds me of the first year I was in office and so concerned about enough money to get through that year.

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.

The bank balances are listed below:

City Corporation	\$3,154,351.88
Utilities	\$511,091.29
Criminal Investigation Fund (CIF)	\$153,577.00
RDC General	\$399,877.80
RDC Debt Service (DSR)	\$240,000.00
2004 SRF Debt Service (DSR)	\$138,980.95
2015A Refunding Bond Debt Service Reserve (DSR)	\$69,088.27

As always, if you have any questions my door is always open. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer
City of Beech Grove

OLD BUSINESS

[General Ordinance No.17, 2018](#)

...amends Chapter 77 of the Code of ordinances for the City of Beech Grove Concerning Through Streets and Stop Streets

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read the ordinance into the record.

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the ordinance. Councilor Brooks seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. General Ordinance was approved on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No.8, 2018

... A Resolution Allowing the Administration to Seek Quotes for the Sale of the Utility and to Determine the Interest of Buyers

Councilor Lamping moved to approve the Resolution. Councilor Day seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 8, 2018 was approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Templin: Thanked everyone for coming and all who spoke. A special acknowledgment to former Mayor Wiley for coming and speaking this evening. It is always an honor.

Councilor Brooks: Thanked everyone for coming and have a great Christmas. Remember the reason for the season.

Councilor Harrison: Thank you to all that attended the meeting. If you can check out the high school basketball team, they're pretty good. Coach English has been to a couple of the games. The kids play their hearts out and they haven't lost. They have a game Friday and Saturday. Saturday is at home.

Councilor Mascari: Thanks for coming out. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

Councilor Lamping: Thank you to all who came this evening. Thank you, Mayor Wiley, for your inspiration. We always appreciate you. She wished everyone a peaceful holiday season, God Bless.

Councilor Duffer: Thanks to the people who spoke, especially Mayor Wiley. It was a very interesting story and I appreciate it. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilor Day: Thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Buckley

In your packet is a copy of a letter from the Amtrak Chairman concerning the Beech Grove facility.

The city has received a grant from INDOT for a small project on South 4th.

The city has reapplied for the Indiana Clean Community Challenge.

A copy of the amended salary ordinance is in your packet.

A copy of General Ordinance No. 13, 2018 is in you packet.

Clerk-Treasurer McMillan stated the salary ordinance is not budgeted. Discussion with the Council, the Mayor and the Police Department took place.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Mascari moved to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd, 2018 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk-Treasurer