

MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
April 9, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: Cathy Oliver, Mayor, called the regular meeting of the Goshen City Council to order on April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Goshen City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Paula Anderson, Angie Driver, Colton Martin and John Vaillancourt were present, and a quorum was declared. Bill Hewat and Birch Wright were absent. Brian Hogue, Interim City Attorney, was also present. Sharon Baggett, Recorder/Treasurer, arrived at 6:55 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was noted that Item "A" under City Business should be removed because no one was present to address the Council regarding Ordinance 110 (Discharge of Firearms). A motion was made by Angie Driver, with a second by John Vaillancourt, to approve the amended agenda. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by John Vaillancourt, with a second by Angie Driver, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular meeting and March 26, 2019 special meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. CITY BUSINESS:

A. DEVIATION REQUEST FOR LOT SPLIT – JOSH DURHAM WITH HAWKINS-WEIR ENGINEERS ON BEHALF OF DUSTIN DAVIS, OWNER, AND THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE – TOWER ROAD (CR 4343) – PARCEL #001-14105-000: The deviation request for a lot split was presented by Josh Durham, with Hawkins–Weir Engineers. Brian Hogue stated that the Planning Commission had heard the request at their meeting and had voted to recommend approval to the City Council. A motion was made by John Vaillancourt, with a second by Angie Driver, to approve the deviation request based on the finding of fact by the Planning Commission. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

B. REZONING REQUEST FROM R-1 TO COMMERCIAL – GREG HIATT (DESIGNSCAPE) ON BEHALF OF DAVID T. BAILEY TRUST, OWNER – 679 TUTTLE ROAD – PARCEL #770-17540-001: Cathy Oliver stated that this item should also have been removed as part of approval of the agenda. Paula Anderson made a motion, with a second by John Vaillancourt, to amend the agenda to remove or table this item. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

C. PROPOSAL FOR INTERACTIVE WEB SITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: Brook Thomas, with Rock Step Consulting, presented a written proposal to provide the City with an interactive web site and a social media platform, and also, to provide live streaming of Council meetings. He explained the proposal and answered questions. Discussion followed regarding the City's current web site and the cost and benefits of having a social media presence, including for the Police Department. (Sharon Baggett arrived at this time.) Public input was then allowed. Brian Hogue recommended that the Council table discussion of this item and instruct him to do research and due diligence to ensure everything is done appropriately. When asked, he stated that he could communicate with Mike Ball prior to the Police Department setting up a Facebook page. The Council agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

D. BIDS FOR PA SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING: Angie Driver presented and explained estimates from three different vendors for a PA system for the Community Building. After some discussion by the Council, the public was allowed to ask questions and give input. After a recommendation from a resident, the Council agreed to table further discussion of this item to check with cities for whom one of the vendors had provided PA systems.

E. DISCUSSION OF ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Mary Smith gave a report from the Goshen Arbor Board, including plans to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree, and also, install a new "Welcome to Goshen" sign. She reported that the City had funds budgeted, and also, donations had been received. After discussion by the Council, public input was allowed. It was the consensus of the Council to table discussion regarding the sign until additional pricing could be obtained. A motion was then made by Paula Anderson, with a second by John Vaillancourt, to approve the expenditure for planting the tree. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

F. REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 156 (SIGN ORDINANCE): Cathy Oliver stated that she brought this discussion forward in order for Brian Hogue to familiarize himself with this ordinance and to get direction from the Council regarding existing signs that were in noncompliance, and in particular banners. After a short discussion, the Council agreed that Cathy Oliver could contact owners of signs not in compliance, but requested that she keep them updated.

G. DISCUSSION OF OPEN BURNING WITHIN CITY LIMITS: At the request of Cathy Oliver, Mike Ball reported on a recent incident in Goshen involving an open fire. Cathy Oliver gave information on open-burning policies in other cities, and in particular, the prohibition of burning at night. After considerable discussion and input from the public, the Goshen Fire Chief and the Goshen police officer on duty at the time of the incident, there was no action taken.

H. CITY HALL FACILITIES: Paula Anderson lead the discussion regarding remodeling City Hall and/or building new City facilities. Brian Hogue provided information and clarified what constituted a capital expenditure. There was discussion regarding potential sites for new facilities, the benefits of developing a five-year plan and making a City park a priority over new City facilities. Sharon Baggett gave an overview of the current status of City finances and this year's budget. When asked about the procedure to discuss potential sites with property owners, Brian Hogue stated that he would research this. The public was allowed to give input throughout discussion of this topic. In reviewing the maturity dates on certificates of deposit, it was agreed to cash in one of the CD's in the amount of approximately \$100,000 to have readily available.

I. REVIEW OF INCOME FROM SALES TAX: Sharon Baggett stated that this item was being discussed as a follow up to an email sent to Council members from a Goshen resident. She further explained that Birch Wright asked that this be on the agenda. Sharon Baggett gave an overview and source of the tax monies received by the City. Fara Ferguson stated that she was the citizen who sent the email and explained her concerns. It was agreed that the projections for the 2019 budget were in the range of what could be expected, and that the budget would be closely monitored throughout the year.

J. AUTO INSURANCE QUOTES: It was reported that Birch Wright had requested that this item be on the agenda in order to close the loop on previous discussion regarding auto insurance quotes. It was agreed that, based on the information received from private insurance companies, they could not compete with the Municipal League Vehicle Program and/or could not write a policy on police vehicles.

6. REPORTS FOR MARCH, 2019:

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Financial reports were presented and reviewed. In the earlier discussion regarding City Hall facilities, Sharon Baggett had already quoted balances in the general fund and in the street fund. In order to complete the figures on the 2019 budget, Sharon Baggett pointed out that numbers should be added for fuel and insurance for the recently approved police vehicle, and also, she asked for the Council to approve maximum figures for holiday and overtime pay for the police officers, even though it would only be a guesstimate. After some discussion, it was agreed that \$16,728 for overtime pay for all officers would be the worst-case scenario.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: A Police Department report was presented by Mike Ball.

C. STREET REPORT: As a follow up to requests for bids, Russell Stroud reported on replacing the culvert for the bridge currently closed on Paul Pray, as well as the bridge next to that one. He also stated that they had opted out of replacing the rails on the other bridge because of flooding. He reported that DECCO declined to submit a bid until the City engaged a structural engineer to create a design to determine what size of box culvert would be sufficient for the flow of water. He stated that Tomlinson said they could replace the bridge that was closed at a cost of \$26,000; however, they would not guarantee it and recommended a structural engineer as well. He stated that they also recommended getting a structural engineer to submit a design for the other bridge. There was discussion regarding the structural integrity of the low-water bridge, obtaining statements of qualifications from engineers, soliciting sealed bids for projects over \$20,000 and whether this would be considered a capital improvement. Brian Hogue stated that he would investigate this and report back to the Council. Russell Stroud also reported on needed street improvements and repairs, including Watson Circle, part of Sharp Road, Misty Valley Road, Wandering Way, and also, portions of other roads throughout the City. Russell Stroud stated that he was willing to volunteer, but he again reiterated that, in order to meet all of the requirements, the street work required a full-time employee. The public was allowed to make comments throughout Russell Stroud's report.

D. PLANNING COMMISSION WRITTEN REPORT: A written report was presented and summarized by Sharon Baggett.

E. BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: The Building Official's report was presented and reviewed.

F. WRITTEN REPORT FROM GOSHEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: A report was presented and reviewed.

7. REPORTS/COMMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY OR RECORDER/TREASURER: In regards to the first item of business being removed from the agenda, Sharon Baggett stated for the record that the residents who had asked that this be on the agenda had contacted her prior to the meeting and sent their apologies because they were not able to make it due to work obligations.

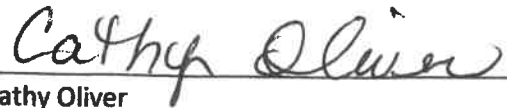
8. PUBLIC INPUT: It was pointed out that certain street lights were not working, and Mike Ball agreed to compile a list of those lights so they could be reported to Ozarks Electric. There were also comments and questions regarding the timetable for codification of ordinances, the procedure for placing items on the agenda, whether Goshen was receiving revenue from the 1% sales tax from certain retailers, how

much detail should be included in the minutes of Council meetings, the availability of audios of Council meetings and live streaming of the meetings being provided.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by John Vaillancourt and seconded by Angie Driver to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Sharon Baggett
Recorder / Treasurer



Cathy Oliver
Mayor