

MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cathy Oliver called the regular meeting of the Goshen City Council to order on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Goshen City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright. Mayor Oliver declared a quorum. Josh Bailey, City Attorney from Hogue Law Firm, and Lora Nanak, Office Manager/Accounting Manager, who was filling in for the Recorder, were also present. Paula Anderson was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Oliver added two items to the Agenda under New Business: 5. "F" and 5 "G". Motion by Birch Wright, 2nd by Bill Hewat to approve the amended September 10, 2019 agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Vaillancourt requested a name correction under the Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting: Bill Wright corrected to Bill Hewat. Lara Nanak requested a correction be made regarding the bid by CRS to fix the moisture barrier in the Community Building: it was stated that the bid was for \$750.00 but the actual bid is for \$975.00. Motion by Birch Wright, 2nd by John Vaillancourt to approve the amended minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Trimming Quotes for Blue Springs Rd. & Tuttle Road: Shears Outdoor Services, Inc. had the best quote at \$13,400.00 for both roads. Birch Wright stated *for the record* that the trees are a concern brought up by the public.

Motion by Birch Wright to approve Shear to do the tree trimming, 2nd by Bill Hewat. Motion passed 5-0.

Ad Valorem Tax: An Ad Valorem Tax ordinance must be completed before the beginning of November 2019 in order to get a percentage of the city tax revenue. The cap is 5 Mills, in the past we have been at 3 Mills. This item was tabled until next month's meeting in order to give time to review the year to date financial reports.

Formation of Park Commission: Ordinance 175 is proposed to establish a Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission is comprised of three Commissioners who are appointed by the Mayor and voted on by the Council. The Council could repeal or revise ordinance 175 by 2/3 vote. Attorney Bailey suggested the initial terms be staggered by 1, 2 or 3 years so that everyone is not up for reappointment at the same time. After that, every subsequent term is every 2 years. This would be an Advisory Commission only; any action would have to be done through the Council. Motion by Birch Wright, 2nd by John Vaillancourt to read by title only. Roll call vote taken; Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright voted yes. Motion passed. Motion made by Bill Hewat, 2nd by Birch Wright to establish Ordinance 175, creating a Parks and Recreation Commission in the City of Goshen, Arkansas. Roll call vote taken; Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright voted yes. Motion passed. Motion made by Bill Vaillancourt, 2nd by Birch

Wright to adopt the Ordinance. Roll call vote taken; Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance to Increase the Speed Limit on Wyman Rd.: An Ordinance is required, per state statute, to increase the speed limit from 25 to 35mph. A motion was made by Bill Hewat, 2nd by Birch Wright to read by title only. A roll call vote was taken; Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright voted yes. Motion passed. Ordinance 176 providing for the increased speed limit on Wyman Rd. A Motion by Bill Hewat, 2nd by John Vaillancourt to suspend the rules and read by title only and waive the 2nd and 3rd reading. Roll call vote was taken; Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright voted yes. Motion passed. Move to adopt was made by Bill Hewat, 2nd by Colton Martin. Roll call vote taken; Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright voted yes. Motion passed. Once the ordinance is posted the signs will be changed within 30 days.

Public Speaking Ordinance 165: This Ordinance allows for public input on items the public would like to discuss. Council only has to allow public input when there is a vote but council also allows for it at the end of the council meetings. Discussion was made about putting time limit on the public input. This item was tabled until next meeting.

Flag Pole Installation: Adam Ledzinski from Boy Scout Troop 102 presented his Eagle Scout proposed project. Eagle Scout Ledzinski and his troop would like to raise funds to erect a flag pole outside of Goshen City Hall. The proposed project would include a 20 – 25ft high illuminated flag pole with the possible option of two to three concrete benches honoring local War Veterans. Funds for this project will be raised by Troop 102 and the installation will also be handled by Troop 102, with the understanding that Council will approve specific details as they apply to safety and installation. Birch Wright moved to allow Scout Ledzinski to proceed with the plans to erect the flag pole and the concrete benches, 2nd was made by Bill Hewat. Colton Martin expressed concern for the neighbors who would be affected by the light illuminated from the pole at night. If lighting is a concern by the neighbors the Police Department has agreed to take the flag down in the evenings and raise it up in the mornings. Birch Wright made a motion to withdraw the 1st motion and to have this item on the next month's City Council agenda with proposals for additional information. Birch Wright made a motion, 2nd by Bill Hewat to support Scout Ledzinski in the pursuit of the flag pole project and to bring back more information to the next council meeting. Motion passed 5-0

Variance to Sign Ordinance: John Newman, Executive Director of Life Styles, would like to begin advertising for the event: Polo in the Ozarks, this event will take place on October 5, 2019. Signs would be erected immediately and remain in place on the Buell Farm along Hwy. 45 until the close of the event on October 5th. Bill Hewat made a motion, 2nd by Birch Wright granting a variance for the number of signs to be erected and length of time the signs will be up. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution Naming RT: An ordinance is not necessary.

Welcome Sign update: Sign is up and fully paid for.

Progress on Community Building: Report included in packet. It was understood that Tatum Smith Engineers, Inc.(TS) was hired to cut 3 or 4 holes in the ceiling of the Community Building to have a better

look at the support structure to see what is causing the building to lean; the understood proposal for this work was \$150.00 per hour with an estimated 4 hours to complete the job. The proposal that was received in the mail was for a much more detailed job with an expense of \$14,000.00. John Vaillancourt will call TS in order to get clarification on the proposal that was sent out.

On Thursday September 12th Complete Roofing and Restoration Solutions (CRS) is coming to take out the wet insulation from the sub floor of the Community Building and proceed with moisture barrier for \$975.00. The office assistant was able to contact CRS during the council meeting and Council agreed to an additional charge of \$300.00 to treat the area affected by the mold.

REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2019

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Written financial reports were presented and reviewed. Lora Nanak reported balances of \$554,382.25 in the general fund and \$77,442.67 balance in the street fund. Elkins still needs to send July and August ticket revenue. Attorney Bailey is working with the Elkins attorney to get an agreement in place regarding ticket revenue. Questions were answered and clarifications were made by Lora Nanak and Mayor Oliver about the presented financial reports. Council request Lora Nanak send out expense reports in order to further evaluate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Mike Ball presented the written report. New patrol unit is in and on duty. Mike Ball request council's blessing on hosting Trunk or Treat this year and collecting donations. Council gave blessing to proceed with Trunk or Treats.

STREET REPORT: Russell Stroud reported the resurfacing of Ledford road has been completed by Tomlinson. Misty Valley road was completed by Hutchinson Construction, the work that was done was not completed per specification of the bid. Shawn, the point person for this job was contacted. The bid was to overlay a surface of 16 feet and the existing surface was all that was complete, shorting the city 1780 sq. ft. which equates to an amount of \$2385.00. Hutchinson Construction has not been paid for the work completed. Mayor Oliver will contact Hutchinson Construction to discuss the adjustment of the bid to reflect actual work that was completed.

An estimate of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 was given to fund a longer skirt coming off Hwy. 45 to the gravel.

339 Wyman Rd. has a clogged culvert. Mr. Stroud reported that, in his opinion, the street budget needs to be larger for all the fixes needed to the roads in our community. He also stated that in the future we need to hire a person to handle the job of street up keep as the requirements for this duty are too large for a volunteer position.

REPORT FROM GOSHEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Written reports are in the packets for Council's review.

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S WRITTEN REPORT: J.D. De Motte summarized the report for the previous month. State Health Department has approved step system in the Knolls.

PLANNING COMMISSION WRITTEN REPORT: No Planning Commission meeting was held this month.


REPORTS/COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ALDERMEN, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY OR RECORDER/TREASURER: Bill Hewat proposed that the individuals who give reports be moved to the top of future agendas. Angie Driver made a motion, 2nd by John Vaillancourt to move reports to the top of future agendas. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: A citizen inquired about the sign ordinance for Goshen Methodist Church. The ordinance is being review and will be on the agenda for next month according to Attorney Bailey. A concern for the lack of Life Insurance was brought up; Mayor Oliver will look into getting it on next year's budget. A citizen inquired about the tree planted during the tree planting ceremony two years ago; the tree has been mowed over and the citizen was requesting an explanation as to why.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by John Vaillancourt, 2nd by Bill Hewat to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0 . Meeting adjourned 8:42pm.



Linda Moore
Recorder



Cathy Oliver
Mayor