

**MINUTES**  
**GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm**  
**Goshen City Hall 124 Church Street**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Cathy Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum:** Those in attendance were Paula Anderson, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, and Angie Driver. Mayor Oliver called a quorum. Birch Wright and John Vaillancourt were absent. Also, in attendance was city attorney Josh Baily from Hogue Law Firm, Lora Nanak the Office Manager, and Linda Moore the Recorder/Treasurer.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the Agenda; 1<sup>st</sup> by Bill Hewat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Driver. Motion passed 4-0. *A moment of silence was observed for fallen Fayetteville Police Officer, Stephen Carr.*

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the November 25, 2019 Minutes as written, 1<sup>st</sup> by Bill Hewat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

**Reports for 2019:**

**Financial Reports:** General Fund checking balance as of November 30th is \$637,233.61 and Street Fund as of November 30<sup>th</sup> is \$59,568.09. The financial and compliance report from the auditor came back and there were no findings.

**Police Department Report:** Chief Mike Ball presented; reports are in Council's packets. Many of the arrests have been drug related and DWIs.

**Street Report:** Russell Stroud presented: Street sign was put back up on Hale Rd. Some complaints from citizens have come in about large pot holes and general disrepair on Sharp Dr. There is a dip in Firetower Rd. due to road work that was previously done; it is the responsibility of the company who did the work to fix it so the city will pursue the bond for this work. Paula Anderson asked about getting bids for the bridge on Paul Prey Rd; Contractors will not bid on it until a Structural Engineer has looked at it, there are an estimated 10-12 homes that benefit from the repair of the bridge with possible future development to come.

**Report from Goshen Volunteer Fire Department:** Reports are in Council's packets.

**Planning Commission Report:** We took in a total of \$400.00 on property lines and lot combinations. We have 3 pending projects.

**Building official report:** JD was not able to be here tonight. \$5,665.60 in fees have been collected as well as inspections made.

**City Business:**

**Revision to Subdivision Regulations/Moratorium Ordinance:**

At the November 2019 Planning Commission meeting concerns were discussed about Lot Splits and Sub Division Regulations. It was proposed that a 60-day Moratorium be applied to Lot Splits and new Subdivisions in order to give time to look over regulations. The City is in the process of having the

Ordinances codified, this could take at least 4 more months. Attorney Bailey stated that without the completion of the codification the regulations are very ambiguous and hard to follow.

Bill Hewat voiced opposition to a 60-day Moratorium as it will put time restrictions on land owners; Mayor Oliver asked council's approval to allow Attorney Bailey and Jeff Hawkins from NWA Regional Planning to move forward with a review of subdivision regulations and contradictions with zoning regulations. Council Agreed.

**2020 Budget:**

The 2020 budget has to be approved by Feb. 01, 2020.

Attorney Bailey spoke about Holiday pay for officers who *work* on holidays and how this pay is being distributed on their paychecks. As outlined in Ordinance 164 it was decided by Council to leave it as is with Holiday Pay being included in the base pay.

Paula Anderson made a motion to allow up to \$10,000.00 be used from the 2019 General Funds/Capitol Expenditures to purchase a new lawn mower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Driver. Motion passed 4-0. Bill Hewat offered to purchase said lawn mower before December 31, 2019. Paula Anderson made a motion to trade in the old lawn mower when the new mower is purchased, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Driver. Motion passed 4-0.

Council decided to utilize Mike Bowen part time to see how much of the street, city maintenance, and code enforcement he can get done. If Mr. Bowen feels a job needs to be contracted out he can bring that request before council for their approval. Mr. Bowen wanted it to be made clear that he is available to work only on Fridays and Saturdays and in the event of poor weather he is contracted to work for the county and will not be available to work on Goshen roads.

The 2020 City budget was discussed but not completed. A Special City Council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 2, 2020 to complete the 2020 budget.

**Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney or Recorder/Treasurer:**

Mayor Oliver informed Council that a decision needed to be made regarding accidental death and dismemberment insurance, the annual cost is \$820.00, this insurance would cover City Council members, department heads and elected officials. Bill Hewat moved to adopt the accidental and dismemberment insurance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Anderson. Motion passed 4-0

Mike Bowen will reach out to an engineer to see about fixing the Paul Prey bridge.

Liz Mashie was asked to get together with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mashie, in order to put together a cost/dollar amount for land around the Community Building.

Mayor Oliver is appointing Park Commissioners next month, the Park Commissioners will begin to research land for a park and available grants.

Mike Bowen was asked to start getting bids for the building to cover gravel, chat, etc.

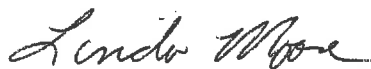
Mike Bowen will address the missing sign on Watson Circle

**Public Input:** A Citizen raised a concern about previous city council agenda topics that have been discussed, tabled, then discussed again and nothing is getting done; specifically, the Goshen city park, Paul Prey bridge, and the final testing for mold at the community building.

Colton Martin made a motion to give all City Hall full time employees an end of the year bonus of \$500.00 gross, subject to payroll taxes and other lawful deductions as well as an end of the year bonus for all part time City Hall employees in the amount of \$250.00 gross, subject to payroll taxes and all other lawful deductions and liabilities, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Anderson. Motion passed 4-0.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm was made; 1<sup>st</sup> by Colton Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hewat. Motion passed 4-0.



Linda Moore  
Recorder/Treasurer



Cathy Oliver  
Mayor