

**ORDINANCE NO. 42**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.24 OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN WHICH WOULD MANDATE THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC INPUT AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL, GOSHEN PLANNING COMMISSION OR GOSHEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council for the City of Goshen, Arkansas that the opportunity for public input at all public meetings is provided for to encourage free flow of ideas and to judge the will of the community on matters under discussion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Goshen, Arkansas, that:

SECTION 1. At all public meetings of the City Council for the City of Goshen, the Goshen Planning Commission, or any meetings of any committees thereof, that time is to be allocated for public comment, to address the Council, Commission or committee on any issue.

SECTION 2. Before voting to adopt any ordinance or resolution, the City Council shall allow public comment on the matter. It shall be within the discretion of the City Council to determine when adequate opportunity for public comment has expired.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby declared that based on public comment having previously been denied at public meetings of the City Council for the City of Goshen, an emergency exists and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate protection of the public's right to speak at public meetings, shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2004.

  
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Andy Bethell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Baggett, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Charles L. Harwell, City Attorney

ROLL CALL

Names Of Those Voting YEA

Joe Benson  
Chuck Huskey  
John Kauffman  
Dick Seddon  
Albert Skiles

Names Of Those Voting NAY

Bob Brake