

MINUTES
Goshen City Council
August 19, 2025 at 6:30PM
Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street

A meeting of the Goshen City Council was held on August 19, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Goshen Community Center.

City Council

Call to Order: Mayor Stroud @ 6:30pm

Roll Call: PRESENT - Paula Anderson, Curtis Vaughan, John Vaillancourt, Shawn Mayfield, Colton Martin. City Attorney Brian Hogue in attendance

Not Present: Birch Wright

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

Brian Hogue (Attorney) added under New Business, Discussion on Prosecution work (Item C)

John Vaillancourt made a motion to add the item to agenda; Shawn Mayfield seconded

Public Comment: None

Colton Martin made a motion to approve the agenda with changes; Curtis Vaughan seconded

All in favor; None opposed

Shawn Mayfield made a suggestion to move-up the Crowne/Stroud annexation on the agenda to the top so that they don't have to sit through the entire meeting (move items G & H to the top of Old Business). Colton Martin made a motion to adjust the agenda items; Curtis Vaughan seconded

All in favor: None opposed

Public Input - None

Approval of Minutes June 10, 2025

John Vaillancourt made a motion to approve as presented; Paula Anderson seconded

Public Comment: None

All in favor; None opposed

Minutes from July 8, 2025 - TABLED (not ready)

Approval of Financial Report

As of 07/31/25 the General Fund has \$1,047,207.94 still has building allocation money in it

Street Fund has \$339,181.26

Police ACT988 Fund has \$11,544.91 still has police project/equipment funds allocated in it

State Park/ARDOT funds combined \$3,076.78

Farmers Market fund \$2883.28

CDs \$658,617.20

Paula Anderson made a motion to approve the financials; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: None

All in favor; None opposed

Police Report (7A) - Chief Travis (8:05 on audio approx)

170 calls for service. 25 total charges, 1 criminal, 1 PCS/PDP charges, 1 warrants, 24 moving violations, 1 DWI, 90 warning citations.

Chief Travis advised that Jessie's unit, the one having the motor replaced, also (just found out) cylinder 1 is going out; currently, they are troubleshooting. Mayor asked if the other truck that is being retired can be used until we can figure out a way to fix/repair/retire Jessie's vehicle - Chief Travis says possibly but cognizant of on-going issues such as smoke coming out of the console and stuff starting to fail on the inside as well. Jerry Jackson asked about average miles on the vehicles. Mayor Stroud said a new motor would be approx \$10K installed (via McLary Daniel). Chief Travis advised that the next unit being a CID unit and it will be cheaper for the upfit as it will be used strictly for investigations.

Infrastructure and Facilities Report

Planted new blue spruce at the community bldg; spread mulch at the creek access points near the park north entrance; mowed all park areas; assisted with city events; maintain landscaping, watering, and general clean up; successfully patched all potholes throughout the city; completed brush hogging on several streets; spread chocolate rock at community building; move metal pipe behind city hall to clear space for new shop; collected trash after the events at the community building. Mike Nimmo helped with weed eating around town.

Future Projects

Patch the edge of the pavement at Wyman; Seal the wall at the south park entrance; continue all the street signs for all the streets; clean concrete at Oxford Bend bridge and Blue Springs road bridge; repairs to Paul Pray bridge, pressure wash and stripe city hall parking lot; landscape around north park entrance monument.

Goshen Fire District Report

Heavy equipment fire 1; Outside rubbish/waste fire 1; outside storage fire 1; medical 31; motor vehicle accidents with no injuries 4; gasoline/liquid spill 1; gas leak 3; public service 1; dispatch canceled enroute 7; no incident found on arrival dispatch 2; Total calls 53

Mayor thanked the fire dept for their help with making sure we are in compliance with our inspections

Zoning/Planning Commission Report

Lacie Lawson reported that there was a Special Session this month (August). A variance request came up due to new legislation for ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) - address 1295 Misty Valley - the meeting was advertised properly as a public hearing in accordance with all of our regulations and was scheduled due to a unique circumstance. The contractor is incurring \$40K because of the mistake and to make him undue the mistake would've cost him more money; thus, a special session was arranged for a variance to increase the size of the ADU from 860sf to roughly 1100sf. The new Legislation (ACT 313) states that ADUs can't have more than 1000sf or 75% of the gross square footage of the main home (whichever is less). Because the new size is over that 1000sf a variance request was presented and it was approved at the meeting.

Shawn Mayfield asked for clarity on the new state law. Mayor stated that ACT313 says you cannot disallow an ADU of 1000sf or less on your property OR 75% of whatever the total square footage is of the main structure.

City's can't charge more than \$250 for permits; can't regulate what they look like, how tall they are; it's to allow for the 'housing crisis'.

There's another pending status for a property on Sonoma Circle, which is a 2400sf ADU for owner's mother. Within the 2400sf will be a shop, a covered car port, and 730sf is habitable space. Municipal League attorneys say that the 'habitable space' is the only thing we can consider toward the ADU. Will do two different permits for this - one for the ADU with the \$250 fee and one for the shop/carport even though they are under the same roof.

Mayor added that secondary to this legislative session, the city will be bringing forward some changes to the ordinances we currently have in order to come into compliance with the law (needs to be done by 01/01/2026). All will go to Planning commission for recommendations to City Council.

Planning Commission Financial Report

Fees collected YTD \$1K for 2025; nothing in July, 2025 (less than what we've been at in part due to moratorium of water). Hoping 1Q26 it will be lifted (the moratorium).

Building Inspection Report

22 field inspections (pool, footing, electrical, framing, slab, insulation, plumbing (gas pressure test), rough-ins, finals, footings. JD also emphasized that he appreciates Lacie helping him with the report format and cleaning up the reporting information.

Parks and Recreation Report

Mike Nimmo reported that the most significant item was cleared out agreed upon area across from the north parking lot entrance so that people can access the creek more easily; Dave and Ivan (Maintenance) put down mulch in same area - probably have to do some weed eradication in that area and once that's done it should keep it nice and clean for people to access that area (about 40' wide and goes down into creek). Maintaining plants; trees on south side; most look good but a few will not make it but hopeful next spring they'll take good shape.

Semi-Annual Arbor Board Report

Cheryl Nimmo presented - Goshen has been awarded as a Tree City, USA for the 8th time (this past April). Our annual budget of \$5K was put towards the trees planted at Mill Branch Park south entrance; there were about 88 trees and bushes planted; there may be a few that may need replacing this next year. Planning on 2026 annual budget (still working on it) but thinking it'll be at \$5K.

Free Tree Friday event was successful (in April). Gave away about 300 trees on that day and the Forestry Division brought seedlings and potted trees. Had 200 trees remaining and they were distributed at the Goshen Farmers Market the following week and all were taken. Free Tree Friday event had volunteers that were from Elkins (arbor consultants); the swamp tree has been moved; xmas tree planted and it's doing really well. Arbor Board and Park Commission, Mayor Stroud and City staff planted 75 trees on the north side entrance of Mill Branch Park and 88 at South entrance at a total cost of \$20K, which includes fees from DesignScapes.

Volunteers from the Arbor Board joined the Parks Commission at City Day of the Goshen Farmers Market and handed out literature and encouraged people to do the park survey.

The rain garden took a beating from the hail storm and volunteers helped get that cleaned up and weeded, and some chocolate rock was put down (by City).

The 5-year plan (which is currently being worked on) includes a goal of 500 trees to be given away annually; also possible plans of educational hike day (field trip); Goshen Farmers Market events; planting more trees

Old City Business (30:33 on audio, approximately)

Ordinance Approving Stroud/Crowne Annexation - 3rd reading

Paula Anderson made a motion to read and title only; Shawn Mayfield seconded

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (No); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

Brian Hogue read aloud: "An Ordinance accepting the annexation of certain territory to the City of Goshen, approving the schedule of services to be extended to said area and assigning such area to a ward"

Colton Martin made a motion adopt the ordinance as written; Curtis Vaughan seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (No); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

In order for Day Crowne to be appointed to the Parks Commission, the emergency clause has to be accepted tonight (per Mayor Stroud).

Section 5 - Shawn Mayfield made a motion to adopt the emergency clause; Curtis Vaughan seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

Lacie Lawson (Staff) asked, for clarity, if the ordinance will be recorded as of next day; response was, yes

Resolution Approving Appointing Day Crown to the Parks Commission

Colton Martin made a motion to read and title only; Shawn Mayfield seconded

All in favor; None opposed

Brian Hogue read aloud: "A resolution appointing Day Crowne to the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Goshen, Arkansas

Colton Martin made a motion to adopt; Shawn Mayfield seconded

Public Comment: None

All in favor; none opposed

Contract Performance Bond Issue (35:57 on audio - approx)

Two bids opened and approved previously (per Brian Hogue, Attorney). After we sent the proposed bid to the contractors, there was no performance bond considered and it was not factored into their bid; felt it was too expensive; city looked for other options; it is a legal requirement to have the bonds; City has allowed them to resubmit the bid and we will open those bids tonight. In the future, they (contractors) will know that a bond is a requirement when dealing with a municipality. City commits to adding verbiage on postings to any job over \$50K requires a performance bond (it is a percentage of the total project).

Metal Shop Building Bid Opening (2 bids opened)

SSI Inc of Northwest Arkansas (newest bid) - \$445,195 - Good for 60 days

Ozark Ag (previously accepted bid w/o the performance bond) - batt insulation finish - \$320,250

- *w/OSB board on the interior - \$323,260*

- Hard Cell Foam Interior - \$324,520

Paula Anderson asked if OSB was head height or the entire interior of the structure? Mayor confirmed, yes, the full height of interior walls would be lined with OSB. John Vaillancourt asked about the prior bid w/o the performance bond; Mayor confirmed it was \$296K (approximately).

Agree to accept Ozark Ag bid of *\$323,260*

Paula Anderson made a motion to approve and accept the bid for \$323,260 that includes OSB on inside of structure for the shop; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: Mike Nimmo asked if the specs call for insulation in ceilings; Mayor responded, yes.

All in favor; None opposed

Culvert Bid Opening (44:30 on audio - approx)

M&M - Amended bid for \$137,171 (original bid was \$133,500)

Paula Anderson made a motion to accept the bid from M&M; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: Lacie Lawson (Staff) asked if this covers the original 15 culverts; Mayor responded, yes.

All in favor; None opposed

Brian Hogue advised a separate resolution is needed to enter into a contract with M&M and Ozark Ag and a special session will be needed. Special Session is scheduled for Monday, 8/25/25, at 6:30

Ordinance Adopting Driveway Regulations (3rd Reading) - (49:10 on audio - approx)

Paula Anderson made a motion to read and title only; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

Brian Hogue read aloud: "An Ordinance repealing chapter 15.24 of City of Goshen Subdivision and Minor Subdivision regulations adopted by Ordinance number 198 and adopting new driveway and access regulations for the City of Goshen, Arkansas and for other purposes"

Paula Anderson made a motion to adopt; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: Jerry Jackson asked what the effective date of this would be; Mayor responded if we do an emergency clause it would be immediately upon its being recorded. Shawn Mayfield asked if the emergency clause was needed on this one. Mayor and Jerry Jackson responded, yes due to several outstanding issues.

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

Paula Anderson made a motion to pass the emergency clause; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

Variance Process (51:44 on audio - approx)

Brian Hogue offered that he has the ordinance drafted and would like for City Council to read it for the first reading and discuss and get feedback on it.

Paula Anderson made a motion (read and title only) to do a first reading on the Variance Application; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

John Vaillancourt (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Colton Martin (Yes)

Brian Hogue read aloud: "An Ordinance establishing a variance and appeal process for decisions regarding driveways, signs, outdoor lighting, and for other purposes"

Further Discussion - Brian Hogue states Planning Commission started the subject matter that they would hear any variance requests at a hearing and if the applicant did not receive the variance that they requested, this sets out an appeal process for them to bring it to City Council for City Council to rule on the appeal; additionally, if an aggrieved citizen/neighbor disagrees with the granting of a variance, he/she is allowed for an avenue for them to come to someone on the Council to try to appeal; it is geared toward not anyone on a whim (if they don't like the outcome) to possibly overturn the granting of that variance.

John Vaillancourt asked about appeal by someone that's not happy with the variance being granted - can be anyone that lives in the city and, if a valid request, the Council Member could initiate the appeal back to city council (Per Brian Hogue); it would have to be an agenda item; it would be a final decision and if they still don't like that, it could be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Mayor Stroud offered the notation of applying to driveways, signs, outdoor lighting, and for other purposes.....feels there may be a need for other appeal processes outside of that. Do we want to include that in this ordinance, specifically? Shawn Mayfield would like to see that happen. Lacie Lawson offered a variance (potentially) by Title; Brian Hogue likes this idea; Mayor says it may be a challenge as Ordinances change and then their Title also changes.

IF Variance Rejected - applicant can appeal to City Council

IF Variance Granted - their neighbor is against it, then neighbor can approach a council member who will appeal it on their behalf

Colton Martin offered an appendix to be created that would offer a list of what can be appealed; Mayor agreed.

Mayor wants to bring something a little more polished for next month (and even at the meeting for next week / special session).

Colton Martin made a motion to approve the first reading; seconded by Paula Anderson

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

Ordinance Amending Ord 171 - Organizational Chart - 3rd Reading (1:18:38 on audio - approx)

John Vaillancourt made a motion to read and title only; Shawn Mayfield seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

Brian Hogue read aloud: "An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 171 which formalized the administrative framework of the City of Goshen, Arkansas, and for other purposes"

Shawn Mayfield made a motion to adopt; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

Emergency Clause Not needed

Soliciting Ordinance Proposal (1:20:30 on audio - approx)

Paula Anderson made a motion to read and title only; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: None

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

Brian Hogue read aloud: "An Ordinance establishing regulations for un-invited peddlers and solicitors in the City of Goshen, Arkansas, and for other purposes"

Paula Anderson asked about a yearly list - should we do that or should we say it would be valid for more than a year to reduce the paperwork? Colton Martin stated more than a year would be good.

Colton Martin asked Brian to discuss the exemptions, specifically if someone has a no trespassing/soliciting sign, does this exemption allow the solicitor to still be able to approach? Colton feels there should be no exemptions if you display a sign on your property. Mayor says those on 'official business' can't be denied entrance (zoning official, police officer, etc). Is 'giving of information' considered solicitation - no. Selling something is solicitation. Colton Martin believes if you have a no trespassing sign, then there should be no exemptions to that at all. Charitable, religious, non-profit organization, political campaign on behalf or in opposition to a candidate are currently on the exemption list; all are in favor of striking that list from the exemptions.

Strike Section 10

Shawn Mayfield asked about school fundraisers, kids fundraising for sports, etc., and believes those should be allowed. Paula Anderson added that enforcement is/can be at discretion.

Lacie and KaSeana (Staff) have concerns about putting a time limitation on a permit that is issued in regards to solicitation. Brian Hogue says it expires at the end of a calendar year. Brian further added that it is the solicitor's

obligation to check with City Hall and get the most recent 'no-knock' list (which should be updated monthly); if they knock on the wrong door, then their permit can be revoked.

Mayor suggests to bring back next month and any changes can be added at that time

Paula Anderson made a motion to approve the 1st reading; Shawn Mayfield seconded

Public Comment: Dan Paduca - it's a problem in Riverside too and he's interested in this topic. He wished he had known that an ordinance was drafted and is surprised that it's not made available for anyone in the room but he can't read it because it's not offered; can't be involved or give any input. Is it an oversight that the public has not been shared the information? Brian Hogue responded that it's brought to Council for the first time and anyone that is at the meeting, as public, can comment and then you can come back to the next meeting. Mayor says he (Dan) can request a copy be sent to him to make comments and then take to his represented official. Intent is that it will be read 3x before it's approved. Mr. Paduca understands but believes there shouldn't be wasted opportunities for the public to be informed up-to-the-minute, even if it's going to get revised twice. He would love for this (solicitation) to be as strict as possible (his opinion as a citizen). Shawn Mayfield says it is written strict but they are trying to be a little more flexible or allow for kids school/sport revenue raising (wants to have some situations protected).

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

Revised Schedule of Fees - (1:42:05 on audio - approx)

Paula Anderson asked about permit fees for swimming pools; Lacie had pulled from other cities (their fees in comparison to ours with the increase). Specifically, Fayetteville and we also looked at other area fee schedules. Fayetteville charges per 1000sf; our numerator will be lower than theirs still. For a \$645K property in Fayetteville you'd pay \$2896.49 and in Goshen you'd currently pay \$2,115.65; with fee increase it'd be \$2,760.60; the difference is that Fayetteville charges IMPACT fees, which is \$2,155.00 (additional) and there's other added fees that you don't see. The cost overall will be significantly more than what we (Goshen) are charging. Cave Springs and Rogers are the same; they are more than us in large part because of their IMPACT fees. Cave Springs IMPACT fees are \$3300.

John Vaillancourt says (in a sense) we have an IMPACT fee too because you have to buy 2 acres. He says cost to do so is the same as an IMPACT fee (an additional expense). Mayor says we use International Code Council and that's how we came up with our numbers. John says when we look at our fees vs. other cities fees, he has a problem with 2 acres vs. anything less, that the owner has to pay more expenses here then somewhere else. Mayor respectfully disagrees with Mr. Vaillancourt because you are getting a permit for the building, not for the lot.

Shawn Mayfield says Elkins and West Fork were also used as comparisons. He further says there are other things that impact the total fees anywhere.

Mayor says we can go to doing an IMPACT fees for all new construction because it has a definite impact on our infrastructure, OR we can just raise our permit fees and stay in line with where Fayetteville is with just their

permit fees. There is some litigation that has been present in other cities about IMPACT fees; whether or not cities should be charging IMPACT fees and what those should be. Would rather stay in line with what ICC code identifies as the numerator for how we adjust our fees BUT ultimately it's up to the Council. John Vaillancourt we don't need to compare IMPACT fees for services that these communities pay that a city supplies. Mayor says the Maintenance Dept can't currently keep up on all the projects that need to be done (we don't have the budget yet); all we can do is prioritize and figure out how to generate a little bit of extra funding to be able to support that.

Paula Anderson is looking for clarification on the swimming pool permit section; offered the following verbiage, "for swimming pools with construction value greater than \$50K, every \$50K pulls a permit value of \$260 and each \$1000 value above a \$50K multiple pulls a permit value of \$4"

Further Paula Anderson asked, on Right-of-way and utility permits - are they supposed to be done for any and every right-of-way that's ever put in for the City? Lacie Lawson (staff) says this only applies (currently) if it goes through a City right-of-way. Suggested clarification and say "City Right-of-Way" or "City Streets"

Lacie Lawson (staff) will update/clarify and bring it back next month

Shawn Mayfield says the change that is being requested for building permits is a 30% increase; when comparing building permit to building permit (no IMPACT fees), we are still lower than Fayetteville but higher than Cave Springs, Gravette, etc. Lacie Lawson responded that when she spoke to those cities they stated that they are able to keep their building permits so much lower because they charge IMPACT fees to offset. Shawn Mayfield asked for a breakdown of what those IMPACT fees are going towards. Lacie says Fire, Police, Water, Waste Water, and Streets and she will email the list to all of City Council for their review.

Remainder of items under this heading are being TABLED to next month

Ordinance 168 Discussion (Fees)

Brian Hogue says this repeals the most recent ordinance that we have on file with the fee schedule and then it allows the Council to adopt new fee schedules as needed by resolution.

Paula Anderson made a motion to read and title only; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: Chris Callahan - regarding the fees and building permits - Mr. Callahan has been a Goshen resident for 20 years and has brought up building fees previously. Believes we should not be the lowest; we should be the highest in the state. In the grand scheme, the building fees are insignificant for residents that are here. The building that we will be doing on our properties should have a clause that your building fees/permits are as high. AS far as IMPACT fees go, there was discussions about the impact that they have on slowing the traffic down on Hwy 45, an impact that we all suffer as residents and feels we need to not be the lowest but getting what is due to make sure we can oversee where our water is coming from so that we don't have to have pumps and wells. Suggests Council look again at fees that are being charged.

Colton Martin completely disagrees with making people pay the most to move here; he respectfully disagrees with Mr. Callahan. Believes our fees need to be low; our goal should not be to charge people that are moving in the most that we can; we are a community and the people that are moving in will be your neighbor and we need

to treat them the way we want to be treated. Wants people to move here - doesn't want to set barriers. Mr. Callahan respectfully disagrees with Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

Brian Hogue read aloud: "An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 168 and adopting new procedures for approval of permit fees in the City of Goshen, to declare an emergency and for other purposes"

Paula Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading; John Vaillancourt seconded

Public Comment: No

Roll Call Vote:

Colton Martin (Yes); Curtis Vaughan (Yes); Shawn Mayfield (Yes); Paula Anderson (Yes); John Vaillancourt (Yes)

New City Business

Salisbury Lane/Nimmo Lane Clarification (2:09:56 on audio - approx)

Historical Background (as provided by Mayor Stroud) - When Salisbury Lane was vacated, the name changed to Nimmo Lane. At that time, the legal description of the actual street that was recorded was incorrect. Mayor has no idea what the intent of the Council was at the time and asks Council (now) to have a discussion of what they want and how they want that identified (the street name). Either way it needs to be identified with a new legal description. Paula Anderson believes the intent was to only rename the little spur Nimmo Lane because where the spur was, had a conflicting name (S. Church St) and the rest of it was Salisbury. The whole point was that it was not a road that any citizen of Goshen was using (from abandonment line, from that point further in towards the Hunt property, that line was where we abandoned because citizens weren't using it and we (city) didn't want to have to maintain it). Mike Nimmo added that, at the time, Salisbury was still a street recognized as a city street.

Chief Travis says he believes that the original intent was to keep Salisbury as it is and at the spur change it to Nimmo (formerly S. Church). Lacie Lawson (staff) reached out to the Assessor office and their GIS expert mapped that out and sent the City over a new map and it's ok; says the ordinance that has been adopted is correct (according to the assessor office). John Vaillancourt added that the person that was responsible at the time to do this - Mayor Poye) and he had conversations with Mr. Nimmo and he bulldozed and dumped a couple of loads of stone up there and closure was brought on by Mrs. Hunt; they had no use for that road going across their field anymore; nobody ever drove there, so they put a gate into the portion where their land (Hunt) was on both sides of the road and that's where the gate is. Brian Hogue asked for confirmation that the city no longer owns that road and all confirmed, yes.

Final decision (based on research, etc, per the Mayor, is that it is supposed to be Salisbury from Goshen Tuttle to the gate; and at the corner, it will be Nimmo Lane up to Mike and Cheryl's driveway, essentially, and it is all city streets.

Cheryl Nimmo added that there are no physical addresses on Salisbury, at this point. John Vaillancourt asked about the abandoned house and vehicles. Mike Nimmo advised that is owned by the Wilson's (across the street on Tuttle) but that there is no address for that structure. Mike Nimmo says that it makes so sense for the road to be Salisbury because there's no houses/addresses on Salisbury. Paula Anderson says that 'mapping' would only show Salisbury and Salisbury may not be a public access road now but there's a cemetery that is back there that needs access (via gate).

Chris Callahan (public) says he recently met with Helen (lives on Salisbury) and she mentioned her address has always been Salisbury until it was changed to Nimmo Lane and Mr. Callahan encouraged that residents need to be notified. Mayor Stroud took accountability for the error but that the City will get it fixed.

Unexpected Capital Improvement to City Hall (2:22:24 on audio - approx)

At City Hall, the HVAC (a/c) system went out; garage door openers went out. Had 2 businesses come out and look at the HVAC and one issue was that the return vent had never been hooked up properly and they also told the City that there was a coil leak. Initial cost was \$5K to fix that portion. Current system is 20 years old. Since the analysis of the system, the compressor is also out and the City received 2 bids. Blue Collar HVAC provided a replacement bid of \$12,011.25 (5 ton unit); if only a repair, the estimate is \$12,033.45. All agree to put the new unit in. It's a 10-year warranty and it's a York system and should last a long time. The City will get a second bid also.

Garage bay doors - the motors are old and have had repaired a couple of times. To replace all of the lifts on those doors on the front of City Hall is \$6K (includes remotes).

John Vaillancourt made a motion to approve the funds for the new HVAC system and garage door(s) at City Hall (up to \$14K for the HVAC system and up to \$6K for the garage doors); Paula Anderson seconded
Public Comment: Jerry Jackson (City) added that it will be a draw-down in the general account
All in favor; None opposed

Future expenditures: Mayor says we are getting 'way-finding' signs to help give us direction to find City Hall, Community Building, North Park Entrance, South Park Entrance, cemetery, etc. Will be installed at Hwy 45 at Blue Springs and also at Goshen Tuttle and this will come out of the Street Fund for signage. ARDOT has approved.

For the Grant application for the State Park fund, we were going to go with a company (CFP) a packet for a pavilion. City does not like the exact packet that they deliver and the cost is significant @ \$258K which only includes supplies; does not include construction, assimilation or anything else; actual construction will be an additional \$500K approximately. Mayor has been meeting with NBL, an architectural firm, to do design drawings and it's a requirement of the State, for the Grant, that we have to have a site plan and a contracted professional to do our design plans. NBL has come up with some drawings - they may use some of the products with the beams or we may end up doing scissor trusses to keep it in budget. We have the \$207K grant but then we've got our matching portion and part of that matching portion is the land that we acquired but we will also have to have city funds to also match for part of it as well; looking at about a \$300K project in total which includes all the building costs, architectural fees, etc. Mayor provided drawings to Council.

Community Building recording equipment - In terms of what we currently have/use (AV equipment for recordings), it's hit or miss and we'd like to get AV equipment installed in the ceiling; we won't have to have the microphones that we currently have; they are clearer and can pick up more information; there would be integrated speakers in the ceiling also so that the public can hear clearly. Initial estimates are \$6K-\$10K for whole installation; we are waiting to hear more specifics from the company. Might try to tackle this early next year.

The 20' trailer was picked up at a cost of \$2,950. We added a spare tire (additional \$150). Mike Nimmo says the trailer is very nice with a break-away system on it, which is a good addition. It also has ramps on it. The 20' will fit both the side-by-side and a mower, if needed.

A requirement is in place for the City to change over to a .gov domain and we are in the process and we need to have that completed by 2026. KeSeana (staff) is working on this now. Our new domain would be goshenar.gov (as provided by KaSeana). Initially, if someone goes to the old site, it will automatically transfer to the new domain. First estimate received is \$5900. Colton Martin asked if the Councilmen will get email addresses - Mayor says, yes, but each email address that is added has a cost through the web services provider. Colton asked if KaSeana can get a price on that. Mayor confirmed, yes.

The South entrance and the Community Building rocks that we had engraved should be installed before the next meeting.

KaSeana (staff) got a cost for a special census to get our number up as all of our turn-back funds are based on our population. Currently we are showing 2100 population, even though we are realistically at 2600 approximately. The cost would be \$332K for the special census and we could pay for it, generate more revenue, but there's no guarantee that the State would recognize the special census numbers before the new census has actually been adopted.

City is looking to do website upgrades. Jerry Jackson will be meeting with the website designer for the City of Johnson to try to adjust ours. Lacie Lawson has done an excellent job with the website but City is looking for an easier way to maintain and make user-friendly.

Prosecution (Brian Hogue) (2:22 on audio - approx)

Brian Hogue advised that there was a dog bite incident a week ago and it brought up questions that he has discussed with Abby (staff) - when would a court hearing be scheduled? There was a citation issued with a court date set (not criminal, just part of our ordinance). Brian called Charles DeWell, an Assistant Deputy Prosecutor, to ask him if he was going to handle that; that prompted a question from Charles wondering why he prosecutes our (Goshen) cases. Brian says he does not know the answer to that. Charles has asked around and has found that there is no legal basis for the County prosecuting our cases and that we (Goshen) are the only city in the County that they prosecute our cases. The impression Brian got was that we may be looking towards city attorney/himself (Brian Hogue) to take on that role before too long. Our cases are heard 1 day per month in Elkins District Court. Brian is unsure what this would take (time-wise) as Elkins docket can be quite full; could be a full day in court (1x per month), which does not include discovery, plea negotiations, etc. Chief Travis thinks a lot of our stuff was being 'dismissed' by Elkins. All believe that Charles is not being paid anything for his services at the moment; Chief Travis believes that Charles' payment was part of our court contract. Brian acknowledged that we pay money to use that court to hear our cases but he doesn't think any of that is going to the Prosecutor's office. Brian just wanted to notify the Council as he anticipates a change forthcoming with this and he will let them know if/when he receives an update and it will be a budget adjustment.


Mayor added to the dog bite incident that we currently contract with Washington County for animal services and that is a kill shelter. Springdale is not a kill shelter and wants to have discussion to potentially change our contract to Springdale. Mayor would also like to work with someone that has kennels or for us to get kennels

and possibly put them in the shop. Brian Hogue says that to be in compliance with our ordinance, the ordinance says that we cannot euthanize the dog until the court authorizes that to happen and we have to hold the dog either at the WA County shelter or a Vet clinic so we need to find a facility that will do that; the ordinance also says the owner of the dog is responsible for any/all fees and the court can also rule on that.

Public Comment: None

Shawn Mayfield made a motion to adjourn; Curtis Vaughan seconded
All in favor; None opposed

Adjournment at 9:20pm


Gina Swanson
Recorder/Treasurer




Russell Stroud
Mayor