

MINUTES
Goshen City Council
June 13, 2023 at 6:30PM
Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street

Call to Order: Mayor Stroud called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Roll Call: Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright, and Shawn Mayfield were present. Colton Martin and Jamie Van Becelaere were absent. City Attorney and Mayor Russell Stroud were present.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed; Mayor Stroud made a motion to move agenda items down one after the second letter H. Paula Anderson made a motion to remove item Q, as Jamie Van Becelaere wasn't present. Birch Wright made a motion to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes for April 11, 2023 A motion made by John Vaillancourt to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor Yeah, (4) all those opposed (0). The motion carried. Approval of April 20 2023 Minutes for the Special Session. Motion made by John Vaillancourt to approve the minutes with changes to the Council Members being absent and present. Seconded by Shawn Mayfield. All in favor Yay (4) Opposed (0). The motion carried. Cathy Oliver stated the January 19, 2023 minutes attendance was the same stated wrong as well, but that the minutes were approved. Marjorie will correct them as well. Approval of the minutes for May 9, 2023 John Vaillancourt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Reports for June 2023:

- A. Police Department Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Chief Travis reported. Officers Sorrell and Officer Manzo responded to a party at Waterford Estates, kids having a bon fire, doing nothing wrong. One of the kids told their parents they met the coolest Police Officers they have ever meet. Chief Travis received a note thanking the Officers for responding and taking care of the situation. They appreciate the police presents in Waterford and always taking good care of us. The Brookwater Moms.
- B. Street Report:** Report is in Council's packet. David Gatlin presented.
- C. Report from Goshen Fire District:** Report is in Council's packet.
- D. Planning Commission:** Mayor Stroud presented. Planning Commission fees collected were \$400 bringing a total for 2023 to \$1400.00. Those were for lot line adjustment, minor subdivisions, and lot line splits. Birch: Wasn't there 4 items on the agenda? One was on there from last month that had to be brought back. It's was paid last month but had to follow up on this month.
- E. Building Inspection Report:** Report is in Council's packet.

- F. **Financial Report:** Report is in Council's packet. KaSeana Williams presented. As of May 31, 2023, the General Fund was \$1,636,573.69. The Street Fund was \$407,816.97. The Act 988 Police Account was \$3,308.20. The CDs are \$377,433.67. The 3 new HUD accounts are \$990.00 each. Paula Anderson: Is that the \$1,000.00 checks that were written? KaSeana: Yes. Paula: We have 2 of the same check numbers. KaSeana: yes, we are working on fixing that.
- G. **Park and Recreation Report:** Report is in the Council's packet. Ken Smith stated there are concerns about the speeding on Firetower & Tuttle Roads. Mayor Stroud will get more speed limits signs. He and Chief Travis will investigate getting a Mobile Speed sign. Glen Wilson offered a part of his land for a Radar.
- H. **Arbor Board Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Mary Smith reported.

Old City Business:

- A. **Hwy 45/Goshen Tuttle:** Mayor Stroud presented. Mayor stated he has spoken to Crafton Tull and they are getting multiple bids to complete that project. Hope to have them for next meeting. These are bids for where Andersons is flooding and the culvert. Birch: So, any follow up on 45 in general? Mayor: no, not yet. Birch: I ask every month. Mayor: I need to get together with Phillip Taldo about it.
- B. **2023 Budget Amendment Review:** Report in council's packet Mayor Stroud presented. Budget was discussed at length. Still some adjustments to be made and will be brought back to the July Meeting.
- C. **Commercial & Residential Building Permit Fees:** Mayor Stroud presented. We do not have Commercial building permit fees. The new fee schedule is based from the international code council and fee scheduling and this would apply to the commercial as well as residential. So, it does it increases a little bit but it streamlines it to where it's more standard and we are also in compliance with international code council. Paula: I see there are two e-mail address on these, is this going to cause confusion as to where it needs to be sent? Lacie: They can be submitted to either e-mail. Lacie will be the contact person; she will pass everything on to JD for approval. Birch: Weve never done commercial before, Lacie do you expect push back? Lacie: I don't think we will. Birch: If someone does not pull a building permit, we can halt construction. Mayor: Yes. There was discussion about the ordinances, they will be looked into.

New City Business

- A. **"Citizen of the Year" Award:** Mayor Stroud: We did not award a citizen of the year in 2022, I have awarded the Citizen of the Year 2022 to Chuck Jacobus. The Parks Commission also wanted to recognize Chuck for all the exemplary service he has contributed to the parks and Recreation over the last three years. We have a resolution and a reward for Chuck as well. Chuck: I'd like to thank all the people who made the park possible, Cathy Oliver, Ken Smith, former Max Poye, all the volunteer citizens.
- B. **Resolution Recognizing Chuck Jacobus:** Mayor Stroud presented, Resolution and award given to Chuck Jacobus.
- C. **Review of Conference in Madison, Wisconsin:** Mayor Stroud. Report in the Council's packet.
- D. **Modification of ARDOT Grant:** Mayor Stroud and Chuck Jacobus presented a modification to the parks, to include a trailhead with bathrooms and pavilion. Modification information is in the Council's packet. Presentation is very long. Citizens may request a recording of minutes at City Hall. Chairman Ken Smith

stated his duties as Parks and Recreation Commissioner and referred to Ordinance #175. He is not in favor of any Modifications

- E. Boston Mountain Solid Waste/Goshen Unified Trash Service:** Mayor Stroud. Mayor will get proposals for unified trash service for the city. It would mean trash pickup once a week instead of having different companies picking up five days a week. Citizens' concerns, will they pick up at homes on dirt roads or will they have to bring their trash down to the end of their roads.
- F. Community Building Rental Fee:** Mayor Stroud presented. Rental fees for the Community Building will be \$50.00 for residents and \$100.00 for non-residents with a \$70.00 refundable deposit. Birch: Do you get a lot of non-residents that want to rent it? KaSeana; no. John Vaillancourt made a motion to accept the new schedule fees and the rentals agreement. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor Yay (4) Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- G. Blue Springs Road Speed Limit Change:** Mayor Stroud presented. Speed limits signs will be changed from 50 to 40 to 30. They will in both directions. Paula Anderson made a motion to change speed signs as stated in both directions. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor Yay. Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- H. Ordinance to Adopt Personnel Handbook:** Mayor Stroud presented
In the Council's packet. Mayor Stroud presented. I know there are a lot of things in here that do not pertain to us, example the Fire Department. Maybe down the road there will be one so I would like to leave that in, so in the future we do not have to revise the handbook. Shawn: You have in the police, as far reprimand a type of schedule? Chief Travis: Yes. Shawn: I'm wondering maybe we should do the same thing here, to avoid a situation like we just had. John: I think that's something we should look at. Mayor Stroud asked the Council send in an e-mail on suggestions for reprimands to be put the book. Birch: Thought it was a good idea to add Shawn's suggestion. Lacie: I do understand what you're talking about, I will work with Alisha. John Vaillancourt tabled it to next month.
- I. Preferred Office Technologies I.T. Bid Presentation:** Steven, I'm here with Nathan and Mike, There the I.T. department. We did an I.T assessment. We came up with a proposal. You have one price that you pay each month. It's unlimited service. Birch: I see cyber security is include, what does that mean? Nathan: Its keeping things out. We run a variety of programs that never let anything in. Using our system, we can reduce you impact by 80%. Mayor Stroud: This bid is much lower than the other 2 bids we received.
- J. Resolution authorizing the Termination of Critical Edge:** Mayor Stroud: Motion made by Birch wright to buy out the contract up \$6,000.00. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- K. Resolution Accepting, Preferred Office Technologies I.T Proposal:** Mayor Stroud: Birch Wright made a motion to accept the I.T Proposal. Seconded by Shawn Mayfield. All in favor Yay (4) Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- L. Resolution Accepting Thomlison Asphalt Bid:** Mayor Stroud: Birch: Asked if they know the time frame? Mayor Stroud: Within the next 2 months. Motion made by John Vaillancourt to accept the bid as written. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- M. Resolution Approving Settlement of EEOC Claim:** Mayor Stroud: City of Goshen takes no fault, and we are protected by any future claims as well. Motion made by John Vaillancourt to accept the resolution as written. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0) The motion carried.
- N. Resolution Authorizing Grant Match Contract:** Mayor Stroud: GrantMatch, Inc. offers services to assist the City as needed in identification of grants and in the procurement of grants. Fees are 10% on the first Million and 5% on over a Million. There is no fee if grants aren't approved. Motion made by John

Vaillancourt to authorize Mayor Stroud to contract GrantMatch Inc. Seconded by Shawn Mayfield. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

O. Resolution Authorizing the John Beneke Contract: Mayor Stroud. The resolution is for John Beneke for services to in assist with various park projects in addition for help with grants. Motion made by John Vaillancourt to accept as written. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor Yay (4). Opposed (0). The motion carried.

P. Resolution to Adopt the Revised 2023 Budget: Mayor Stroud. Tabled.

Public Input: Cheryl Nimmo, I wanted to bring up the intersection of Hwy 45 and Tuttle. People Park right there by the stop sign. We need to do something. There was discussion about stop lights, it would be responsible of the city to purchase. Price of \$300,000 was stated at previous Council Meetings. Mayor will look into grants that may help. He will also check with ARDOT.

Adjournment

John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 PM. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor Yay (4) The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.


Marjorie Vaillancourt
Recorder/Treasurer

Russell stroud
Mayor