

MINUTES
Goshen City Council
July 9, 2024 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, Shawn Mayfield, Max Poye, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright were present. Colton Martin was absent. City Attorney and Recorder/Treasurer Marjorie Vaillancourt were present.

Approval of Agenda: John Vaillancourt motion to approve agenda as written. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

Public Input: None offered.

Approval of Minutes: June 11 2024 minutes. Birch Wright motioned to approve June minutes with edits. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Mayor Stroud presented. Balances as June 30, 2024 are General Fund \$706,901.26. Street Fund \$270,521.86. 988 Act \$3,317.15. Certificates of Deposit \$1,019,428.27
John Vaillancourt motioned to approve the financial report for June 2024. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0) The motion carried.

Reports for June 2024:

- A. Police Department Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Chief Travis stated we will have to file an insurance claim on one of our vehicles. We got into a pursuit, and the subject decided that he wanted to hit a police car. So, he did. It didn't work out very well for him. I also want to talk with you guys about, later, sending the guys to pit school and putting pit bumpers on the units. The damage done to Jesse's unit was about \$2,300. We can get the wings for his push bars for about \$800. So, it'll save us a little bit. That's something I'd like you guys to think about. We have also had four pursuits in three weekends. The last one was a 14-year-old. If you've seen the wall at Anderson's, that's the remnants of the vehicle that he was driving. Raul, was able to catch the passenger, was not able to catch the driver. The driver ran over here to Jay Avenue, found a truck with keys in it, and stole it. So, the county ended up catching him later when he ran out of gas. John: Jason, so, with the cruise of this damage, is there any recourse to the person's insurance? Jason: Not the person's insurance, but we can ask for restitution when he goes to court. We got to catch him first. He's the same guy. No, he's minus the vehicle, but he's still on the run. John: But you know who he was? Jason: Oh yes, we know who it is. John: But you still haven't caught the Vet? Jason: That's gone. Or he should be gone. Birch: What was the Ordinance violation? Jason: One was speeding. Paula: Are people speeding more now that we have fresh smooth payment and the lines in place? Jason: Not really. We haven't really seen an uptick in speeding, but we're getting a lot of other, summertime, everything picks up. Birch: So, Chief, three months, four months ago, you had a summary report, looked at last year. Is that easy just to add to? Or do you just look at it over time? Jason: We can do that. Birch: That would be helpful to see. If stuff's increasing. So, for future officers. Jason: We're

typically around last year. We weren't in the 200s on calls for service. And we've been in the 200s the last two months.

- B. **Street Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Mayor Stroud presented.
- C. **Goshen Fire District:** Report is in Council's packet. Mayor Stroud presented.
- D. **Planning Commission:** Mayor presented. Fees collected for Greg & Sarah Hiatt; conditional use permit \$200.00. Ben Booth Minor Subdivision \$200.00. Mary Lighthouse Minor Subdivision \$200.00. Totaling \$600.00 for the month of June, with a total of \$2,200.00 for the year.
- E. **Building Inspection Report:** J.D. DeMotte presented. Report is in Council's packet. I did 23 field inspections. It was a slow month. Questions? Birch: Everything passed from what I saw. J.D. Yes, sir. Kyle McGurk: When the city is undergoing capital improvement projects that are building-related, do you inspect those? J.D.: If they ask me to, yes, sir. Kyle: but it's not required? J.D.: Not that I know of. J.D.: The city is more exempt. Mayor: That's my understanding. Kyle: The basis of my question was this is an addition over here. I was looking at it a couple of weeks back, and there was non-pressure treated wood that was touching all the concrete. It's my understand that's not up to code. And it's now completely sided in and drywalled. So, I'm curious if that were something that we'd look at. Mayor: I did address that with the builder. He had used linseed oil and creosote because the pressure-treated wood that they've been getting has not been lasting. John: J.D., One question. When somebody has an AC unit, they have everything changed up. They must get a permit. J.D.: Yes, sir. John: It doesn't seem to be as many permits logged as there are units being replaced. That's why I'm asking. J.D.: Yes, that's your code report in person. If the code enforcement person catches them, they can fine them. Mayor: A lot of people are unaware. The contractor didn't come to us to get a permit. John: I understand that. But it's the contractor's responsibility. They're the ones putting it in. But they're not applying for a permit. J.D.: You're exactly right. We're not getting that money. Mayor: If you find that happening, call City Hall, because we have a list of contractors that work with us. If they're doing that, they're not coming to get a permit, we want to know about it.
- F. **Parks and Recreation Report:** Danielle Edwards presented. Report is in Councils packet. Our chairman has been absent, Adam Walker. He has stepped down. We can ask him any questions about past businesses. He's open to helping us out in the future if we have any things that we may need from him. The mayor has asked me to step up in that role, which I have accepted. You have a resolution in front of you tonight that you're going to go over. And then Linda Moore has been asked to join the Parks Commission as well, which she has gladly accepted. I think she'll start meetings in July. You guys know who she is, most of you. Paula: One issue, though, I mean, I love Linda and I think she'd do an excellent job, but I don't know that she is a citizen of the town of Goshen. John: She's not. Paula: So, by our ordinances, she cannot, I mean, but I'm also open to amending our ordinance that if we want to include people from the planning area, one or two commissioners from the planning area, which might be a thought. Mayor: I'm open to either choosing someone else or amending that ordinance to allow Linda to be on the commission. Max: We can amend the ordinance to include one or two from the planning area. Mayor: If you guys would be okay with that? John: I'm fine with it. I'd love to see Linda on the Parks. Mayor: So, we can bring the ordinance back and put them in the next month. We'll get Brian to amend the ordinance. And bring it back next month. Max:

Concerning Parks and Recreation, I talked to KaSeana and Brian. Ordinance 175 established the Parks Commission. 205 increased the number of commissioners. And then there's 216 that I think has a cut-and-paste error. And the section that it says to substitute into the ordinance reduces it back down to three. So, I bet when that was typed, that section was inadvertently put in. But it's something to be aware of. We need to fix it or whatever. And the other thing that I had was for the Placemaker grant. Did we have a resolution for that? Mayor: Brian said we didn't need a resolution for it. Birch: How much was the placemaker grant request? Mayor: \$80,000. Birch: And one last question, if I may, Danielle. On the budget increase, you said it was \$10,000 for something and \$15,000 for something else, and increased it to \$72,000 or \$73,000? Danielle: \$73,000 yes. Birch: So, are there funds not allocated, because \$25,000 goes over, is more than, so you increased the budget by \$17,000? Jerry: That's included in the amended budget that we put forward, last meeting, look on page 6. That's included in the amended budget already. Birch: the \$10,000 and the \$15,000? That's included. Jerry: Yes.

- G. **Arbor Board Report:** Betty Nichols presented. Report is in Council's packet. Birch: What does #6 mean. You're tabling some, or you're putting information on the table? Betty: She was talking about; we did the farmer's market. Andrew and I did that one time, and she still wants to continue doing that for the future markets. Birch: So, it's marketing. Betty: Yes, farmer's markets.

Old City Business:

- A. **Animal Control Ordinance:** Mayor Stroud presented. This is the third reading of the Animal Control Ordinance. We didn't have the Emergency Clause last time, so we were going to go ahead and vote on the Animal Control Ordinance, and the Emergency Clause. Paula: The header was still not there, or it disappeared, and has not been put in again. It's on page 5, towards the bottom. The definition stops at Vicious Dog in that little paragraph there. Right below the Vicious Dog statement, there should be the 6.01.02, Vicious for Dangerous Dogs section title that should be there. KaSeana: There's also another one under the Collar. Between the Collar and the Neck. So, I need to change that, too. So, we'll make those paragraph rules. Paula: One other spot, it's under 6.01.09. Under Impounded, under C, 1C, for our section, and the section number is missing, or after section. So, that should be 6.01.02. 6.01.02. Paula Anderson motioned to reading title only. Waive the second and third reading. Seconded by Birch Wright.

Roll Call Vote Yay

Birch Wright Yes
 Paula Anderson Yes
 Max Poye Yes

Roll Call Vote Nay

John Vaillancourt No

Abstained

Shawn Mayfield
 The motion carried.

Absent

Colton Martin

City Attorney read: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE FOR THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS."

Birch Wright motioned to adopt. Seconded by Paula Anderson.

Roll Call Vote Yay

Birch Wright Yes
Paula Anderson Yes
Max Poye Yes

Roll Call Vote Nay

John Vaillancourt No

Abstained

Shawn Mayfield
The motion carried.

Absent

Colton Martin

- B. Annexation Ordinance:** Mayor Stroud presented. This is the third reading of the Annexation ordinance. Paula Anderson motioned to read in title only. Wavie the second and third readings. Seconded by Brich Wright.

Roll Call Vote Yay

Birch Wright Yes
John Vaillancourt Yes
Paula Anderson Yes
Shawn Mayfield Yes
Max Poye Yes
The motion carried.

Roll Call Vote Nay

None

Absent

Colton Martin

City Attorney read: "AN ORDINANC SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS AND OTHER AFFECTED PERSON THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF GOSHEN CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Birch Wright motioned to adopt. Seconded by John Vaillancourt.

Birch: So, mayor I understand, if this passes, this thing goes to the voters. Mayor: Yes. Once the ordinance passes, then there's a couple of other things that go with this. It's going to be all the names and addresses of everybody in that area, which we do have, and so we'll get that to the election commission, and then it'll be put on the ballot. And then now our role is to go out and speak to the people that live in that area and tell them exactly what we'd like to do and what we'd like to offer and what we'd like to annex them.

Roll Call Vote Yay

Birch Wright Yes
John Vaillancourt Yes
Paula Anderson Yes
Shawn Mayfield Yes
Max Poye Yes
The motion carried.

Roll Call Vote Nay

None

Absent

Colton Martin

Birch: I recall this is a tight time frame to get this on the ballot. Mayor: Yes, it all must be done by the 28th of this month.

C. DesignScapes Conditional Use: Payton Bentley presented. I'm Peyton Bentley. I'm with Clark Law Firm, and I represent DesignScapes in this matter before you tonight. DesignScapes was before you in May, two, three months ago, and presented a landscape design plan, but at that point in time, it was tabled upon the recommendation of your city attorney, so DesignScapes could follow the proper process and apply for a new conditional use permit. And that was done last month. At that meeting, you encouraged DesignScapes to meet with the neighbors to the south to discuss their landscape design plan and to ask the neighbors for their suggestion on what they wanted to see in that plan to make it more approved by them to see if there's anything else that could be added. So, my clients did meet with those neighbors and incorporated many of their changes into this design plan now in front of you. The new landscape design plan was presented at the Planning Commission last week, and the public was heard on that application with mostly all positive feedback, due in large part to the line of communication that's been open between DesignScapes and the neighbors to the south, and their willingness to work together, and I think that's been a big improvement between the neighbors. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve and recommend approval to this body. The new landscape design plan, passing the new conditional use permit with the five conditions that were in place prior, with the addition of having the new landscape design plan implemented 75% by December 31, 2024, and 100% completed by April 1, 2025. So that was the new condition put on DesignScapes, and that was passed unanimously. And I'll walk you through the new plan that was submitted. It's very similar to the one that you saw in May, but we'll start at the left, bottom-hand corner. So, the plan calls for a double row of vegetation along the south border, including 52 trees, 43 shrubs, 177 perennials, and that totals 272 plants along that southern border. That area includes a wide variety of type of plantings, which was based on the input of the neighbors in wanting to see a variety of plantings in that area. And so DesignScapes agreed to modify that, now which includes 10 different types of trees, four different types of shrubs, and four different types of perennials. So, there's a wide variety of different types of plantings to help keep that area planted well and not just overkill it with the same type of plants. Another input by the Quinns and Mr. McGurk was to add a berm at that south border in the middle of that property. That will add some depth and some height to the planting, so it gives a little bit more than just a flat row of plants. So that was another input from the neighbors. The new plan also calls for 88 shrubs and over 150 perennials to be planted along that drainage ditch to help with the drainage issue and to stabilize that soil in that area. So that has been added in addition to the previous plan, so that's a substantial increase in that area. Additionally, DesignScapes has an erosion control plan as well as a stormwater prevention plan in place for the property. The new plan also calls for a six-foot fence in front of the parking area that's facing the roadway. In front of that fence are going to be 14 trees, 27 shrubs, and 39 perennials to increase the buffering and screening to the roadway. At the road, the plan provides for increased buffering by doubling the shrubs to 46 shrubs, 24 trees, and 34 perennials. Lastly, along the north side of the property, the plan calls for 11 trees, 28 shrubs, and 40 perennials. In total, the new plan calls for 104 trees, 195 shrubs, and 305 perennials for a total of 604 plants. As a reminder, the prior plan that was passed by this body had about 20 existing trees on the property. They call for installing 64 additional trees, 43 shrubs, and 14 perennials for 141 plants. Planning 604 plants, which is 463 more plants than the prior plan, shows a legitimate effort by DesignScapes to account for their wrongdoing on cutting down the trees as well as to increase the buffering between the neighboring property owners as well as the street. Again, we ask you to vote in favor of a conditional use permit with the original five conditions, which I can read to you. I have those right here. If the new condition to have the new

landscape design plan, 75% completed by December 31st, 2024, and 100% by April 1st, 2025. I will try to address any questions you have, and my clients are also willing to address any questions you may have. Birch: Two questions. 75% done by December 31st, I'm not a horticulturist for sure. Can that be done? Betty: Yes. Birch: From a temperature standpoint? Betty: Yes, it can be. Because they don't want to water and treat. Birch: Very good. You said you all met with the other residents that concern. You said they implemented most of the suggestions? Payton: Yes. Birch: What's a few things they chose not to? Payton: One was a water garden. Greg: We talked about a rain garden, instead of doing that, we did a big tank area in the swell where it runs into the ditch, because we felt the rain garden would potentially hold more water on our property. Get it into the waterways there. Birch: Well, I mean, 460-some-odd more than regularly planned. This is incredible. So, thank you. The comments at the public hearing last week were mostly all positive on even DesignScapes willing to move some of their offloading equipment to the back to lessen the noise for the neighbors. Birch Wright motioned to approve the conditional use permit. Seconded by Shawn Mayfield. All those in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0) The motion carried.

- D. Back To School Event:** Perriann Sparks presented. I, Linda Moore, Linda Netzel and Janna are hosting a back-to-school event for the city. And we're asking the community to bring school supplies and backpacks that will be donated to the Goshen Food Bank. So, when the children go and the families go to the food bank, they can also pick up any school supplies or whatever that they need for the upcoming year. And so, what we're asking for the Goshen to help supply is that they would buy the meat and the condiments, which would be just chips, the silverware, the plates, the water, and the sodas. And since we had an overwhelming response to our Christmas event and the community came out and brought the desserts, we're asking that the community supply desserts again. And then also, we're just to let you know that in general, we're going to do four events a year and we're going to start doing the Fourth of July event like what Elkins does. And so, we wanted for this next year, find out, you know, like what their budget has been, where they get their fireworks, who their pyrotechnic person is and stuff like that. And then the back to school and a chili cook off in October. And then our Christmas event that we had last year. And so, we're just letting you all know what we're planning. If you all agree, have any questions or whatever. We're, you know, just kind of Russell said there was a budget for this and all the events for the whole year. And we're asking if you all would support us in doing this. Paula: There are a lot of fireworks displays that are doing drone displays instead. They have drones that light up like Christmas lights. So, it might be something to investigate. Birch: This is a great idea. Thank you. So, what does that ask of the city council? Perriann: Just that we use some of the money that Council has set aside for public affairs. Mayor: That's part of our PR. Yes. That we would use some of this money for that. Is to buy food and stuff. Birch: And so, I'm sure you've done this having a third grader. You know, the schools have different things of what they ask the kids to bring. Yes. So, it's from a list that opens a list available. Perriann: Well, no. This is from a schoolteacher friend of mine. And she was telling me some of the things that they have had in the years past that the families bring.

New City Business:

- A. Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Tina Cole presented. I'm with the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District. I tell people we're the best-kept secret in the state of Arkansas. But

we represent nine counties, 72 cities, from Baxter County all the way over to Oklahoma, the top two rural counties. And our agency, we're made up of three departments. We have a public transportation system, the North Arkansas Transportation System. And we provide public transportation in most of our counties, not all of them, but we're working our way around. And then we have a workforce division. And we help folks that have been laid off or got fired from one job, but they don't have qualifications for another job. So, we help them go to school and train. And then the division that I'm in is called Community Development. And that's the \$10 term for our grant administrators. We write grants for the nine counties and 72 cities that we represent. And usually everybody gets excited about that. And we do grants for parks, streets, and water infrastructure systems. We do all kinds of grants. But my focus is in mitigation. And because I came from an emergency management background from Baxter County, I was the deputy OEM and safety coordinator. So, emergency management is my thing. But we contracted with Washington County to update their hazard mitigation plan about three years ago. It has now been approved pending adoption by Washington County and the jurisdictions that have participated in the plan. And Goshen is one of them. So, I'm here to ask you to adopt the mitigation plan by resolution. And what that does for you is it makes you eligible for additional federal funding for mitigation projects, such as safe rooms, community safe rooms, school safe rooms, drainage projects. We just built a bridge in Baxter County that repeatedly cost a fortune. Every time it rained, the floods would wipe up the road and the guardrail and everything. Folks would be like an hour out from trying to get to emergency services. So, it's a great program. And any questions? Birch: By adopting the mitigation plan, Washington County will be part of those nine counties and 72 cities. Tina: Washington County plans are just for Washington County and its jurisdictions. Birch: And then we can lean on you and your team if there's something that needs to, our grants or whatever, if the Stafford Act is declared, can we get that for you to take care of it? Tina: Yes. Birch: And so, it's been adopted by Washington County? Tina: Not yet. This is, we're in the process of the resolution to adopt it. Birch: So does each city have to adopt the resolution prior to Washington County adopting it? Tina: It doesn't matter. Birch: And Judge Deakins is in support? Tina: Yes. Mayor Stroud: There are grant opportunities that we have looked at that we know that we would like to apply for. Birch: So really there's no risk to the city in adopting the resolution? Tina: Close to nothing. It makes you eligible, like I said, for millions of dollars of funding. Jerry: Is this a FEMA program? Tina: Yes. It's developed under FEMA. Birch: Does the Stafford Act have to be declared to get to that funding? Tina: No. Would the Stafford Act be worth receiving? Well, like the tornadoes we just had over in Baxter and Green County, that's going to be multi-billion dollars' worth of FEMA assistance. And what happens then is once they've settled everyone and you've got the amount that it's going to cost to help rebuild, then there's a percentage of that fee or amount that comes back to the state that gets distributed by grant process or projects. Birch: So specific to Washington County, if the judge declared a disaster, does he have to ask the governor also to declare a disaster? Tina: Yes, it must be federally. He declared a disaster to get those funds back, but not to apply for a grant.

- B. Resolution Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Mayor Stroud presented. Birch Wright motioned to adopt the resolution. Seconded by John Vaillancourt.

Mayor Stroud read: "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN ADOPTING THE 2023 WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE."

All those in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

- C. **Ordinance 74, 97 & 163 Fireworks Review:** Mayor Stroud presented. The ordinances were discussed. At this time there will be no changes.
- D. **Resolution Appointing Parks Chairman:** Mayor Stroud presented. Tabled until August meeting. Amending Ordinance 216 to include residents living in the Planning area.
- E. **Resolution Appointing Parks Commissioner:** Mayor Stroud presented. Tabled until August meeting. Amending Ordinance 216 to include residents living in the Planning area.
- F. **MBP North Access Bid Opening:** Mayor Stroud presented. Bids for the north entrance and the parking lot.

Whatever bid we accept we will have to come back and adopt a resolution at the next meeting or have a special meeting. John: What are the items that they're placing the bid against? Mayor: So, it's against the engineered draft that was presented by Crafton Tull. And they all received this. This is all part of the Mill Branch Park north access. This gets us off Highway 45 and a parking lot built. So, road construction control, clearing and grubbing, earthwork, embankment on the hillside, topsoil replacement, aggregate base course. These are all the breakdowns from engineering. Concrete driveway, the seating that we're taking out of the old driveway. And signage and stripping, erosion control and mobilization to get everything there. So that's the components of it. Birch So are these all firm-fixed contracts? Mayor: Yes, these are all bids to this. Birch: Firm-fixed price? Mayor: I would assume so. Birch: I mean, that's in unforeseen conditions. 1st Bid Sweetser Construction: \$330,000. Completion 90 days. 2nd Bid Curtis Construction: \$307,796. Completion substantial 75 days 3rd Bid Tomlinson \$259,602.50 no completion date. 4th Bid Steepcreek LLC. \$300,703. No Completion date. 5th Bid Diamond C \$266,150.97 completion 75 days. Birch: Our Budget is \$224,000. Mayor: Correct. So, we'll have to take some of this out of either a general fund or a street fund. I can make it work with a street fund. So, after we pay for all the property, right, that we are going to buy, we're going to have \$330,000 left to spend. That's in the HUD grant. And out of that, we're going to pay engineering fees, some of the engineering fees. And then we also have administrative fees, which I don't remember what the exact amount is. I must get it and look at it. So, even with that bid at \$259,000, we did come in and must use street fund. \$259,000. We can make that work. Birch: I mean, my opinion would be that it's the taxpayer's dollars. They've done work before; we've been pleased with it. I think the only question I have is, how long will it take them to complete it. Max: So, obviously, unless the timeframe is bad, which I wouldn't expect, I would suggest them to go with Tomlinson. Mayor: So, let's just say that if I can get a hold of Tomlinson, see if he can have it done within 75 to 100 days. We'll make a start. KaSeana: We'll have to bring back this resolution to adopt it. Mayor: Yes, we must adopt it. So, we either must adopt it as a special session or next month. I can get a hold of Tomlinson. And get him ready to go in the second week of August. And I can email everybody with those timeframes. Paula Anderson motioned that we tentatively accept the bid from Tomlinson for doing the work on the North entrance with the understanding that it will probably be within 100 days of completion or completion time. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

G. Resolution Accepting MBP Bid: Mayor Stroud presented. Paula Anderson motioned that we tentatively accept the bid from Tomlinson for doing the work on the North entrance with the understanding that it will be within 100 days of completion or completion time. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

H. Placemaker Grant-WFF: Mayor Stroud presented. The place maker grant was a grant from the Walton Foundation. I haven't brought it to the board commission. Caleb brought it. So, Caleb found the grant, brought it to the commission, and said, we should apply for it. So, there was discussion about what they wanted to use that place maker grant for. Shade and developing the trail between here and the south end is what we're putting into the application at this point. So, everything's done. Abby has done a great job on the administrative associate that does grants. It's been wonderful. We've had a lot of taking pictures, compiling everything, and it's ready to submit on Monday of next week. Anybody who wants to look at it, stop by City Hall.

Public Input: KaSeana: I would like to go back to Ordinance 163 again. So, this is regarding Fireworks permits. So according to Brian, when I send you the permits that are emailed to me or submitted to me, technically, to approve those, you guys must meet and vote on them. So, do you want to continue doing it the way that we're doing it? Or can you change it to those being approved either by the mayor or with Jason or the Fire department. Birch: Is it specifically for fireworks? Mayor: For fireworks, the permits must be approved by the council. That's how the ordinance is written. If they don't know that they need a permit, or if they don't apply for a permit a month before they need it, then at that point, it sort of violates FOIA by sending it out. So, the question is, we want to use that ordinance to allow the mayor, chief of police, office manager, whoever, or a combination of people to make that choice before the permits are issued. KaSeana: I can still email them to you so you can see them. Who do you want to approve? Do you want it to be Chief Travis, KaSeana, myself, Birch: at your discrepancy. Paula: I would say chief of police and the mayor just so that we have another safety eye on it. KaSeana will change to Mayor, Chief of Police & Fire Chief, and bring it back next month. Birch: I've got one quick update. This is from the Fayetteville city council. The water and sewer committee met tonight and are making upgrades, as you all know, to the east side infrastructure to eliminate water rationing for the Goshen. It does include the Slaughter Mountain infrastructure, the east side of Waterford. So consistent water pressure will happen for Goshen late 25, early 26. Mayor: One update for everybody as well is that tomorrow we are getting a new water meter installed on the north end. We'll put the frost-free hydrant. Max: Master plan, there's really nothing right now that prevents me or Birch or Paula, you from going up into the park and deciding we need to mow this, patch a brush, or we need to plant the flat spot. So, I think here in the next month or two, we should have some kind of rule or ordinance or something to where whatever project is going on in the park must be approved, at least run before the Parks Commission and the Arbor Board. Back when we first got in the park, I knew that there was a tree that was cut that people bemoaned a lot. So rather than just saying, okay, I'm going to take my backhoe and go make a level spot for a picnic table. Mayor: I think there's a master plan. We have the park management plan as well. There's a park management plan. It's not the master plan. I've mixed this a couple of times. There's a management plan. Kyle: Yes, there's the development plan, the master plan, and the management plan. They're three different documents. I hear your concerns, Max. And we're going forward with the idea that everything's being done in good faith. In the future, we don't know if that's always going to be the case. So, making sure those checks and balances are in place is important. So, we can talk about it, you know, again. Mayor: Why don't you guys put that on the agenda. Danielle: I wrote it down. Dana Quinn: I know it's

always a concern that the citizens don't know when things are happening and going on. I want to just plant the seed among all of you. Can the city put out a quarterly newsletter to all the residents? Mayor: Do you mean like a mail? Dana: Put it in their mailbox. Mayor: Well, we can't put it in the mailbox unless it's got a stamp on it. Dana: Churches do it, so how much would it cost? Can you investigate it, and see? I mean, just like two pages, fold it over. Mayor: I'm a little apprehensive to mail things out because they get tossed in the garbage. And I feel like it's an expenditure that we would be spending money for that's all on the website. Dana: That's the thing. They don't use your website. Not everybody's on Facebook. And people don't know the Ordinances. They don't know that you're having a Christmas thing. They don't know that you're having a book for children. I mean, they don't know. Mayor: I'm not opposed to it. I just don't know what the cost would be. Dana: I'm just planting seeds if it's something worthwhile looking into. Mayor: I was told today by a citizen that called; people throw things away that come in the mail. Birch: We did it in Waterford for two years. People just through them away. Mayor: We did discuss today, KaSeana & I looked at the website. And we're going to make some changes. There are some things that are just not easy to navigate.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Birch Wright at 8:43 PM. Seconded by John Vaillancourt adjourned at 8:43 PM. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.


Marjorie Vaillancourt
Recorder/Treasurer

Russell Stroud
Mayor