

**MINUTES**  
**Goshen City Council**  
**March 12, 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, Colton Martin, Max Poye, John Vaillancourt and Birch Wright were present. Shawn Mayfield was absent. Attorney Brian Hogue and Recorder/Treasurer Marjorie Vaillancourt were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor requested to move State of the City Address to top from New Business Item A. Birch Wright motioned to approve with edits. Seconded by Max Poye. All in favor. Yay (5). Opposed. (0). The motion carried.

**Public Input:** None offered.

**Approval of Minutes:** Birch Wright requested to add his name to be added to the opposed motion on the Police Striping. February 13, 2024 minutes, under Old City Business, Item A. Colton Martin motioned to approve as amended. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor. Yay (5), Opposed. (0) The motion carried. November 14, 2023 minutes. Birch Wright motioned to approve minutes that were not voted on properly in November. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor. Yay (5). Opposed. (0). The motion carried.

**State of the City Address:** Mayor Stroud presented the State of the City Address.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Mayor Stroud presented. Balances as February 29, 2024 are General Fund \$733,978.78. Street Fund \$274,700.89. 988 Act \$3,314.03. Certificates of Deposit \$998,988.40. Paula Anderson motioned to approve the financial report for February 2024. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor. Yay (5). Opposed (0) The motion carried.

**Reports for February 2024:**

- A. Police Department Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Chief Travis reported. Birch asked, I'd like to see how we compare to years past.
- 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:** Report is in Council's packet. February fees collected \$200.00. Russell Stroud Minor Subdivision. Total fees to date \$600.00. Tom Hennelly stated, we had a light agenda this week. Only a few items, there was a minor subdivision that was that was denied. There was some discussion about whether the lots contained enough building area outside the floodplain to be approved. I think of more significance, the Conditional Use Permit, maintaining and regulating Conditional Use Permits. When somebody brings a Conditional Use application to us, there is a lot of discussion about the conditions of that permit. We are doing a great job getting more staff,

being able to regulate and monitor those Conditional Use. There is a landscape company down the road that had some violations of what we had permitted and what they had guaranteed that they would do when they were granted that Conditional Use Permit. We have given them 60 days to bring that back into compliance and then resubmit anything that may have been done outside of their original permit so that we can assess whether it was in line with the original application. That is one of those instances that we really need to have this joint meeting between the Council and Planning Commission to go over those. Additionally, and probably more significantly, are the tenant lot and private road responsibilities. There will be a working session April 4, at 5:30 PM. Birch: Follow up on 5A Kendall Riggins, how was that left. Tom: Questionable if enough buildable property. Brian: It had already been split in 2021 and can only be used every 10 years.

- E. **Building Inspection Report:** Mayor Stroud presented. Report is in Council's packet.
- F. **Parks and Recreation Report:** Kyle McGurk presented. Report is in Council's packet.
- G. **Arbor Board Report:** Betty Nichols presented. Report is in Council's packet.

#### Old City Business:

- A. **Adoption of ICC Code:** Brian Hogue presented. There has been lots of discussion about adopting these codes. We have gone through the steps to have them made available to the public. So that is right for adoption. If you all are wanting to do that, I know Max has some comments. Max, do you want to talk about it now? Max: My concern is with Appendix D on the fire code. I understand, I have been reading it for several days. I have talked to Lacie, the fire chief and JD a little bit about it. And what we are running into is that Appendix D specifies the width of the access road as being 20 feet up to a length of 750 feet, and then it must be 26 feet. And it is being interpreted as that is the driving surface, not just the access easement, the actual surface of the road. And, you know, we have a lot of places that access via road. We, in the past, would find that as tandem lot. And now, if you have a road that's over 750 feet long and someone wants to get a building permit, we cannot do it until you build a 26-foot-wide road. And that is going to kill any further development of residential houses at Goshen. There is a lot of stuff in the fire code itself. I can quote the numbers and just burn up time, but there are exceptions for us if the dwellings are sprinkled. The fire chief, who is the fire code official, can make exceptions. It says in the fire code that Appendix D is not mandatory unless it is specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance. So, I do not know whether we can adopt the code tonight and do something about this Appendix D in the future, but I would like to include it in the planning commission and city council work session to talk about this. Brian: My advice is, especially given the discussion at last week's meeting and the concerns raised tonight, that you all do not act on this tonight. And add it to the working session agenda. John Vaillancourt motioned to table until next Council Meeting on April 9, 2024. Seconded by Max Poye. All in favor. Yay (5). Opposed (0). The motion carried.
- B. **Ordinance 119 Follow Up:** Birch Wright/Council presented. We have had lots of discussions of gated subdivisions. This ordinance is almost 10 years old. I think the only person that worked on this ordinance is Paula. Mayor was the former mayor, Poye was there. And there has been lots of discussion and there's discussions about the need for arterial connections, we need connectivity, we need safety. But I

think what has been brought to the council is there should be a waiver process. There should be a look at this ordinance to make sure that this is truly what we want. I think it should be up to the neighborhood and they can bring it to the council and bring it to the planning and say, this is why, and it could go from there. It feels like to me it is an outdated ordinance. I think there should be a little more respect given to the neighborhoods that are built if they want to have a gate or not have a gate. I am going to say I am for a gate against a gate, but you know the safety issues of having Knox box having the siren that can activate the gate if you want that give a proximity card to 1st responders. My opinions were a little short side of older ordinance we have had several folks bringing up that they like to have that looked at again. Max: I will say too Birch, that is addressed in fire code 103.5 talks about access to gates and the requirements if you are going have a gate, so hopefully that can all be included. John: Yes, if they meet the fire code, let them have a gate. Paula: I do think that whenever we need to consider future subdivisions, that if the developer is not, or is, you know, if there is an opportunity for better connectivity in this town that has no connectivity, we need to make sure that is not taken away as an opportunity. I guess the other component of that is that whenever they are developing subdivisions, they are going to take the least cost option, and it is typically the least cost option to not have connectivity. So, we need to make sure that we do have connectivity. I do believe that, yes, we need connectivity, but that is an option in future subdivisions. But I do think, though, that, you know, if there is no connectivity, you know, backing up through the river, that, then if they want to get into the community, I think that should be up to the community as well. Birch: I don't disagree at all, Paula, but I think that would be part of the process. I mean, there's rights-of-way that are reserved for connectivity, so that can be part of it. Brian: I am just going to jump in. There was some lengthy discussion at, not this previous planning meeting, but the month before, with the Planning Commission, understanding that you all had, there was a desire to make changes to this. Their consensus was understanding that but hoping that there is some way to put a variance process in place where it is very specific on certain criteria that must be met. And so that is what gave rise to the idea of a joint working session, for you all to discuss that and then make whatever changes are appropriate to this after that. John: And that is what we will be doing on April 4th. Mayor: That is part of that Ordinance 119 as well as this. My understanding is that is what is going to be discussed at this working session. Tom Hennelly: I will exercise this opportunity as just a member of the public and not on the Planning Commission, but, and I know this will come up during our working session, but I think there's room to find common ground. We understand people like, there are a lot of people that like living in gated subdivisions. Totally understand that. And we need to have the opportunity for connectivity, primarily for emergency access. And so, if we're able to allow a developer to create a gated subdivision that has gates that will ultimately be connected to, but remain closed, but the fire department has the option to open them with a Knox box when there's a wreck on 45, or there's a house fire or something that they can gain access, then I think it serves both purposes. The people that live in the development feel secure, and we still can move traffic responsibly, you know, around the city.

- C. **Planning Commission and City Council Working session:** Council/Planning presented. This item was discussed in the above minutes.
- D. **Renovations Update:** Mayor Stroud presented. The Renovations Update is going to be right now at City Hall, where we have done most of the painting. We are working on the awnings. We have window bids back, and windows are going to be replaced. There is some additional cabinetry that is going to be built

for the interior of the building. We did get bids back on improving the parking lot for both City Hall and the fire department. We are waiting on a third bid, because we have got three different bids for each of those projects, because there are really three different steps on either one of those. So, one of the other things that we noticed was behind the fire station, the old plastic culvert that was put in, when we got the bid from Tomlinson Asphalt, they pointed out that the reason that asphalt has cracked continually is because of the plastic culvert drawing 40,000 pounds of weight over it. So, our plans are that we can purchase the tiles, those concrete tiles, and replace them ourselves, because if we hire that done, it is going to be \$15,000 to \$20,000, and we can get the seconds and replace it ourselves. It costs about \$5,000 to \$7,000. So, we are in the process of that on the community building. I have one bid back on the renovation to the exterior. The plan is we will wait until after the Highlands Gravel Classic, before any construction here would start. Our plan is to go ahead and start painting the exterior of the building within the next few weeks. But as far as the actual construction to the bathrooms, that will not occur until after April 27th. Max: Has the city of Fayetteville given the final location of the waterline there going to bury? Mayor: Yes, so the waterline will go straight in front of the community building and then straight up Fire Tower. I talked to Corey Granderson at Fayetteville Water. They put that out for bid, but it has not come back to me yet as far as when they are going to start. Max: So, they are not going to jog it over up to the city property back here like they were? Mayor: No, they are. They are jogging it over on the city property. Max: So, it will be about like under those power lines? Mayor: Yes, it goes right under the power lines and straight up Fire Tower. Max: The construction of the bathrooms and the playground will not be on there. Mayor: They will not have anything, no. It will be farther out to the road. Everything else will be back the furthest we will be towards the road is just on the other side of the sidewalk here.

#### **New City Business:**

- A. State of the City Address:** Mayor Stroud presented. Moved to above before financial report.
- B. Annexation Recommendations:** Mayor Stroud presented. We are looking at an area where it would be beneficial for the city, an area that we currently patrol. that is in our growth area, it is Bowen Boulevard or Highway 45 goes up Slaughter Mountain, Habberton. The police take Rivercrest Rd. to patrol the eight houses or nine that are there in the city. So, if we can annex this area. We will provide better police service for their area because their taxes will go up a little bit. And then we would also try to annex all the way out to Guy Terry and over to the Saddlebock Brewery. That would capture some revenue for sales tax from that vineyard and Saddlebock if it reopens. The road there, we would cut that right in front of the bridge, on Habberton, we would not take the bridge. We would take all the roads. But the bridge is theirs. So, Washington County still maintains that. So just like we have done in about all our city areas, we have not taken many of the bridges. But that way, we anticipate by the real estate taxes in this area in combination with potential increase with sales tax from vendors online, we are looking at anywhere between \$100,000 and \$300,000 in the first year. That is the lowest. Because with just the real estate taxes, Gina Swanson has calculated all the figures on all the homes within this area. It would generate right at \$90,000 worth of revenue just on real estate taxes. And that does not count any new homes that are built. Lacie: The number was updated, for the Fayetteville residents, it was \$82,000. And the Springdale was upwards of \$20,000. So, it was like \$102,000. Mayor: That is just for the real estate. That does not include any of the sales tax income or any of the revenue from the businesses that are there. The way that we can do this, there are two different ways that are the easiest for us to annex them. We put it on the ballot. It is a ballot initiative for November. We vote on it. Everybody in the city votes on it. So, if everybody in this annexation area votes no

on it, we all vote yes. They get annexed anyway. Or we can go to all the citizens that live in that area and say, hey, would you like to be annexed in the city of Goshen? We provide better services for police support here close to where you are. We will make sure your streets are maintained, promise some things that we think we can do. And if they want to annex in, then they can vote themselves in to be annexed into the city. Birch: What does that take? Brian: It is 100. Lacie: When I talked with Stephanie at Arkansas Regional Planning, she said that the majority would have to want to annex in. Otherwise, it is a vote. It goes on the ballot. The election committee will make up a precinct, all of Goshen will be able to vote on that. Mayor: And I would say that if we annex this area, we will have to create another police officer. But the nice thing is we would have the revenue to hire another police officer and another patrol vehicle to be able to utilize on this annexation area. And we would have to create another ward as well. John: So, you are already going down Habberton with the police as well. And you are only doing the right side of the road versus what is right across the street. Mayor: That is correct. Birch: Jason, do you know how often Fayetteville must go out there? Jason: That is the county's area. Mayor: It is between us and Fayetteville. We both have growth areas, but it is all responded to by county. And Judge Deakins, I have talked to him a little bit about those roads. And he is frustrated because it is hard to maintain all that just because it has been. The people that live there, they want their roads maintained better than what he can maintain. Carolyn Jordan: Two things. People in that area, they are either going to end up in Goshen, or they're going to end up in Fayetteville or Springdale. So that is something for them to think about. Where do you want to end up? And I figure most of those people will say Goshen. But the other thing, I was on that committee, that subcommittee to look at this. And we backed off from that annexation. And Colton or Brian might clarify. Because there was some sort of land, agriculture. Mayor: So, there are two things that were a concern, there are two chicken house farms that were there. Those chicken houses have not been operational in years. Like 10 years. So according to Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning, this would not be a difficult annexation. Birch: So, Carolyn, you hit a great point. They are going to Fayetteville, they are going to be Springdale, they are going to be Goshen at some point. So just being the devil's advocate, it makes sense to me just looking at it on the surface. The negatives would be their taxes would go up some. Mayor: And I have a list of all those. So, if you pay \$7,000 in taxes, your taxes are going to go up by about \$200. Birch: So, what would be the other negatives? Mayor: Their taxes go up. Birch: Besides that? Mayor: That is the only negative for them, is that their taxes go up, they would have to comply with our ordinances. Brenda Wentz: The other negative might be that we might be telling these people things that we could do for them that we cannot do for them or will not do for them. You know, we waited a long, long time to get our road paved. Just got it done last year. We waited years. And I am sure there's still roads in this town. The existing city limits, they still need their roads done. So, you know, we just need to make sure that we are telling these people things that we are ready and willing to do for them. If we are going to tell them, come on in, join us, and we will do these things for you. That could be the downside for those people. Lacie: This needs to be put in by July to be put on the November ballot. So, if talk about it at the April meeting. You agreed to do that, you must do one reading. And then May, you would have to do your second reading. And then June, you have your third reading. And I would recommend getting it in about the middle of June so that Stephanie can get together the exact work. Because this all must be in the newspaper. And we must have the press be able to come to the meetings and talk about it. The council agrees to pursue the process of annexation.

- C. **Resolution for ARDOT Grant:** Mayor Stroud presented. We want to apply for an additional ARDOT grant. We have an ARDOT grant that we have been awarded. It is \$315,000. There is a 20 percent that we are

matching that is already in the budget that is allocated. That is the portion that is going to do our TAP grant with our trails and park. In speaking with our ARDOT coordinator at the state, she encouraged me, which I was not even aware that we needed to apply for by this time. She said, the ARDOT grant is up. Are you applying? I said, I do not know anything about it. She says, "I encourage you to apply because there is \$500,000 that you could get awarded. And we like to see the people that are already doing those grants, getting that money, and using it, get those grants to complete their trails and get more. So, it is worthwhile. We are not asking for the city to contribute any engineering fees on this. We already have a trail that is there. We are planning to tie it onto that trail and bring it up through the park. In speaking with Luke Jost and with Kyle and with Caleb, we looked at the area, and we can do all that. Luke's going to help at this point without engineering fees being incurred. The new grants that are awarded, we can use those grants to pay for engineering fees, whereas the old ones we could not. So, it is beneficial for us to look at this to apply. It is time to first apply. We are not out any money if we do not get it. But if we did get it, we could win \$300,000 to \$500,000. And the goal was to try to make it competitive and apply for one that is around \$300,000 to \$350,000. Is that correct, Kyle? Kyle: Yes, around the 2,500 feet trail. And now we have added 2,500 feet to our existing trail, and we already have the money, and we are working on administering that grant now. Minwa, the ARDOT grant coordinator who is helping with this said if we get this grant, the second one, we end up getting into the grant and then we need more money, we can go back in for a completion grant the next year as well. Birch: If we were successful, the 20% of the match we already have budget? Mayor: No, we have capital to be able to come up with that 20%. So, if we got a \$350,000 grant, yes, we would have to contribute 20% of that out of our budget to match that. That is correct. Kyle: In the next fiscal year. Mayor: So, we would have time to budget for it, put it into the budget planning, and we have discussed it with the Finance Committee that this is something that is doable, plus we have the capital in our savings to be able to support it. But if you guys are okay with us applying for another ARDOT TAP grant, we must have it in, the deadline for it to be submitted is May 31st. We have already started working on getting everything together for it. Birch: Do we have a team that can write it and submit it? Mayor: Yes. Paula Anderson motioned to read in title only. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All those in favor? Yay (5). Opposed. (0)

Hogue read: "A RESOLUTON EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM OR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS."

Paula Anderson motioned to approve. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (5). Opposed (0)  
The motion carried.

- D. Resolution for State Park Grant:** Mayor Stroud presented. We did not get awarded our State Park Grant this last go-around. Part of that, we feel like, was because of different changes in what is being looked at the state level. We have a better understanding of what they are looking for. I think we can apply for another State Park Grant, this is our last year to get the alternative match base from the property we bought last year. So, we had two years. If we get this grant, we can still use that property to offset the 50% match. We can submit it and do all the application ourselves. But it is worthwhile for us to at least pursue applying for another Arkansas State Park Grant. John Vaillancourt motioned to read in title only the resolution for the Arkansas Department of State Park Grant. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All those in favor? Yay (5). Opposed (0)

Hogue read: "A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF GOSHEN WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM."

Paula Anderson motion to approve. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in Favor? Yay (5) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

- E. ARDOT Update:** Mayor Stroud presented. This is the State grant update. We are trying to do those at the same time with the HUD grant that is also including part of ARDOT, because ARDOT is going to be included on that entrance off Highway 45, even though we are using federal funds. So that, in coordination with the ARDOT grant or the trail, we are going to try to submit all those at the same time. Ken has been working diligently to get all that stuff through for HUD. He anticipates that he is going to be finished with all that portion for HUD, and we should get approval by the end of this month. And then we will be able to go ahead and get the HUD funds into the account. That will trigger us to go out and get bids for the ARDOT access off Highway 45 using HUD funds. And then hopefully we will be done with our ARDOT grant tap requirements., and we can submit that at the same time. So, we hopefully have a better competitive bid. So, we are hopefully going to get both of those things in at the same time. The other thing with the ARDOT update is that I had contacted ARDOT. David Sparks had requested a study done for a stoplight at the intersection down here. So, we asked ARDOT to go ahead and do that. I think they have collected all the data. We should get results on that soon, whether we would qualify. Some points that you need to understand are if we do qualify, there are two options. We are applying for a grant from ARDOT, which they will help us to get based on the need for it at that intersection. And then from that point, if we got that grant, then we would be able to have the funding come through ARDOT. The city would not be responsible for paying for 100% of it. If not, the city's required to pay for all of it. The difficulty there, I talked to John Coker, who is in the audience here, his property would have to be, part of his property would have to be taken, to make those intersections line up directly across from each other. So that house on the corner would have to get moved and it would have to get turned so that we can take a portion of that property. It is not going to be a cheap process. Initially, just to get a stoplight in there was \$300,000 of just funds to put a stoplight. That does not include moving someone's house, buying property, and readjusting property lines. So, we are looking at a half million-dollar venture to get a stoplight put in there. It is to our benefit for us to work with ARDOT closely and to try to get a grant to help coordinate and fund that project should it meet the requirements. Max: It would be good to know what the recurring costs would be. Highway 45 from Anderson's east to Hindsville will be resurfaced first. Then 45 west to highway 265 will done, that resurfacing will be done nighttime hour.
- F. Federal Grant Briefing:** Mayor Stroud presented. Chuck Jacobus and I have been working on federal grant money that is available. It was, I think, billions of dollars as part of this federal package that was sent out. And it was for infrastructure changes with charging stations and alternative fuels. And so, this is the actual, you know, grant that is available. It is not open yet, but we are anticipating it being open soon. There was awards last year. The closest award to us anywhere in our region was in Columbia, Missouri. They got a \$3 million grant for a charging station to be put in this, you know, area in Monet. We are looking to put a charging station. It would have four charging stations. It would be two stations with two on each side. It is a solar panel battery-packed charging station where there is no net loss or

big drain on the electric company. We met with Ozarks Electric. We know that there's enough electricity with three phase there to be able to use these 300-kilowatt charging stations. We have gotten preliminaries on the solar array. We have two different companies that make these solar battery chargers. There is only two in the United States that are made. We have gotten the specs on both. We are thinking that it is going to take somewhere between \$500,000 and \$750,000 to put these in. We must get buy-in from the local businesses. Ponchos has allowed us, has already given us permission to put it on their property with solar array panels above, and we would have parking structures underneath those solar arrays. And then the charging stations themselves would be on that far westerly corner of their parking lot. And they would pave those areas where they are going to have the charging station. We would have a six-foot concrete path to Anderson's, and hopefully if we get a stoplight, we will have a crosswalk, and then we would devise a six-foot path that we would include in the grant application to go to Phillips 66. I have talked to the owner of Phillips 66. He is on board. The benefit for the city is if we get these charging stations, after it is built and we get the federal money, we will get to keep all the income from the charging that is occurring at those charging stations. The option that we are allowing at this point, unless you guys do not want to do this, we are responsible for 20% of the cost of it. But we can let Phillips 66 or Anderson's or anybody that is in the business there in that corridor buy into that match. This is a way that we could get additional income over the course of the lifespan of these battery chargers. It is a 25-year lifespan. We anticipate with charging that we would be able to pay back that portion of the city funds in two years, just on the revenue from this charging station over the course of two years. It is a supercharger. So, it is one that you plug in, and you will be done charging your electric vehicle in 20, 30 minutes from charge. And we would be the only supercharger station east of the one that is in Lowell. This would be a community project. This is not a corridor project, so we would have a higher likelihood of getting the grant from the federal government. We would pursue applying for the grant. The council agrees.

- G. Animal Control Ordinance Discussion:** Mayor Stroud presented. Betty Nichols and I have had this experience as well. And I want to give you my experience, because hers and mine have been similar. There are dogs that run loose in the city. I do not know that I knew how bad it was until I was at City Hall working and seeing these dogs run around our building and growling at people, including myself. And unless they go out to try to bite me, and unless I want to pull a gun and shoot them, there is really nothing we can do. Because we have a vicious dog ordinance, but it does not do anything about leash law or having your dog in your personal control. Betty, do you want to speak about what happened with you? Betty: I was watering trees back here on a Saturday afternoon, and two dogs ran up to me. The brown one growled at me. I said, go away. Got closer and growled again. Luckily, our police officer right next door saw it, zoomed over here, and talked to me. I felt very uncomfortable. So, I do not know what my rights are. The chief said I could buy spray, deal with that. But you just saw these children running over here. I do not know where their parents were while we were at this meeting. They are here. I know they are here. But they could be in the car in the cell phone. And one of those dogs would come up and hurt one of the kids. Mayor: I have chased them off from my girls on three occasions at the park. Once with Nathan's daughter and his wife right there next to me when I chased them off. And Nathan's our other police officer, for those that do not know. Yes, right over here. And so, like I said, luckily, he saw this happening and he came over, he was home for lunch. If you are in Washington County, you can call the Washington County Animal Shelter, they have an animal control officer that they can send out in the county. They will not send it to our city, because we are a city, and we should

have our own. We do not. So, I have pulled Greenland's, Elkins, and West Forks policies. I have looked at some of the other bigger cities, but we do have a contract with the Washington County Animal Shelter. We pay them a fee when we surrender an animal to their shelter. What I would like to do is model an ordinance after these ordinances and come up with a plan that fits our city. We have an extra vehicle now from the old patrol vehicle. We could get a kennel to go in the back of it. We have two people that work for infrastructure, facilities, management, so that we can get trained to be able to respond to an animal if they need to go and catch an animal. It is a separate class if they want to use any kind of sedating dart guns to be able to apprehend an animal. But this is something we really need to consider. I can send out these ordinances for you to look at if you want, so you can look and see what these looks like. I can come up with an ordinance and make recommendations and just type it up and get Brian to look at it and see if we can make changes to it, but I think we need to do something to bring it back and kind of discuss it to put it forward to come up with a plan. The council agrees we need something in place. Mayor: We'll send these ordinances out for you guys to look at. We will try to devise something that seems good for us and come back and let you guys know.

- H. **Expansion of Community Center Playground:** Mayor Stroud presented. We did not get the grant that we asked for from Arkansas State Park, but we still would like to increase the size of the playground, so we have kids able to swing and younger kids being able to play on the playground. I ran by this play set at Sam's, I was very surprised at how durable and rigid it really was because I was thinking we need a new playground in my house. So that was originally why I looked at it and I thought, wow, this would be a good option for our park. So, it is made by Lifetime. We purchased some picnic tables from Lifetime, the same company that makes this. I think this would be a great addition. I have already purchased it. If the city wants to install it, you will have to reimburse me for the \$2,100 that is sitting in the City Hall right now, but we would put this back behind here close to where the other one is. I have also called to find out what it would cost to get the rubberized mulch to go around it. We would need six inches for us to be compliant with the regulations for us to be ADA. We would have that same perimeter fence of the plastic blocks. That cost would be \$3,000 with the mulch, the perimeter, and the mulch. So, this whole system for us to get installed, because we would do all the work, would cost us a little over \$5,000. We have the budget to do it. I think that even if it lasts five years and then we go apply and get another grant in five years for a bigger play structure, this is well worth the money to add this for the kids to play on. We do plan to pour concrete and anchor this down to concrete. The council had concerns that this one is made for residential use. Agreed we need swings, a larger shade canopy. The council would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to investigate other options for the park.
- I. **Farmers Market Discussion:** Max Poye presented. Liz Mashie, co-owner of the Goshen Farmers Market. Asked for an official Resolution to continue with using the Community Building free of charge as they have been using in the past. Brian will draft up one it back next month.
- J. **Certificate of Deposits Discussion:** Marjorie Vaillancourt presented. We have five certificates that will mature in April and will set up a Depository Meeting.

**Public Input:** Colton Martin asked about parking lot lights. Lacie will check with neighbors to see if it is an issue. Birch asked about Dollar Generals fence. Lacie issued a notice today. Birch asked about the water leak on

Oxford. David reached out to Fayetteville water; they are looking into fixing it. Cheryl Nimmo, there is a cemetery at the end of Salisbury Rd. Hunt has the gate locked and no one can access. The city will investigate it.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Birch Wright at 9:15 PM. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. Adjourned at 9:15 PM.



**Marjorie Vaillancourt**  
Recorder/Treasurer

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**Russell Stroud**  
Mayor