

**MINUTES**  
**Goshen City Council**  
**May 14, 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, Birch Wright, and Shawn Mayfield were present. Attorney Brian Hogue and Recorder/Treasurer Marjorie Vaillancourt were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor: Bruce Dunn will present Highland Gravel Classic Report. Lacie Lawson will present Under Old Business, Item: L Business Licenses. Colton Martin requested Items: K. Under Old Business to be moved above A. Old Business and move everything else down. Item: C. & E. Under New Business to the top of Old Business. Birch Wright motioned to approve agenda with edits. Seconded John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0).

**Public Input:** None offered.

**Approval of Minutes:** April 9, 2024 minutes. John Vaillancourt motion to approve the minutes with one edit. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor? Yay (6), Opposed? (0) The motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Mayor Stroud presented. Balances as April 30, 2024 are General Fund \$608,705.97. Street Fund \$275,992.05. 988 Act \$3,315.81. Certificates of Deposit \$998,988.40. Certificate of Deposits \$1,015,247.68. Birch Wright motioned to approve the financial report for April 30, 2024. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0) The motion carried.

**Reports for April 2024:**

**A. Highlands Gravel Classic:** Bruce Dunn presented. I'm Bruce Dunn, and I'm with All Sports Productions, and we were responsible for a lot of two-wheel cyclists last month. And I just want to give a report about the event. But I just want to give you some high-level numbers, just to let you know. The highlights were we had 39 states represented, 8 foreign countries, 364 riders. And interesting enough, 97 riders were from Arkansas, but there were 47 from Texas, 23 from Colorado, 18 from California, 18 from Florida, and 9 from New York. So, you know, interesting enough, relatively speaking, we had a lot more people from out of state. And just to say that we were successful would be an understatement, and I think we talked about, we hoped that we would be a positive impact on the community and that people would enjoy something that was not Fayetteville or Little Rock or another city center event, but community-oriented. We asked that the community try to feed the participants, and that would have such a big impact. And I just can't say enough to Mayor Stroud and all the leadership and just everyone on staff and the community, being accepting of this event because we do a survey, 33% responded, 140 people, which is amazing, out of 360. And to a T, everyone said they really appreciated the genuineness and the personal nature that this community gave to people from all over the world. It was that positive, and so thank you so much. John: You said there were 364 riders, and does that count the ones that were no-shows or were those actual riders? Bruce: The actual riders was 328, I think. So, 364 registered riders. We are already in the planning stages. We are tentatively planned for the exact same week in April of 2025, if you'll have us back. I would be very surprised if we were

not well over 500 riders next year or possibly more. So, again, thank you so much for extending a warm welcome to everyone and making these riders from across the world feel welcome. Birch: Bruce, any big lessons learned? Bruce: You know, I think the time of year certainly not having in late June. I said this to another community thinking about another event. You half to have a unique appeal to these riders that the entry fee is not the expense. It's the plane flights. It's the toting their bags. It's bringing their family and friends. It's the preparation. It's all the equipment they must purchase sometimes to come to these events. They want to experience. And we always ask about that. You know, what was the post-event like? And I just believe that it was the X factor. Mayor, I told you that it was going to be the reason that people would come back. And so macro and micro level, Birch, is that your community showed up and people saw that because they race and ride all over the world. Literally, these people chase these kinds of events. They have resources. They can kind of do what they want to do, and they're going to pick and choose, and they're going to pick experiences. It's not that they don't have to be in the middle of Chicago or New York or whatever. They can do that all day long. They want to come back to a community that cares. Mayor Stroud: Everything went smooth, you guys did an amazing job. Thank you.

**B. Police Department:**

Due to Chief Travis being out on medical leave, there was no report.

- C. Street Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Mayor Stroud presented. Paula stated, the rocks around the edge of the picnic tables looks lovely, but they are a definite tripping hazard. And they're also an impediment to anybody that has a walking disability. So, they're lovely looking, but I can see that causing somebody an accident. It may be something to consider, making that a little smoother transition, and, you know, kind of remove that barrier. Mayor: For reference, for everybody to understand why that's there, so that is where our septic tank is. And prior to that, people were parking over the septic tank, and we had put some posts out there to keep people from parking on it. We're trying to devise a way to put something there that's not ADA compliant, because we know that ADA, that's not going to be able to be managed there. But somewhere where people could kind of go and have an area to sit, and that would keep people from parking on that area. Paula: I wasn't talking about big rocks; I'm talking about those little edge rocks. I know that it's never going to be ADA compliant, but if we can at least lower the barrier, keep people from tripping. Birch: Any update on the leak on Oxford? Mayor: Water comes off the hill and ditch needs to be cleaned out.

- D. Goshen Fire District:** Report is in Council's packet. Mayor Stroud presented.

- E. Planning Commission:** Report is in Council's packet. Lacie Lawson presented. March 2024 fees collected: Riggins \$200.00, Loftus \$200.00. April fees collected Reeves \$200.00. March & April total fees \$600.00 2024 total fees collected \$1200.00.

- F. Building Inspection:** Report is in Council's packet. J. D. DeMotte presented.

- G. Parks and Recreation:** Report Kyle McGurk presented. Caleb Lebow and volunteers relocated the disc golf from kind of scattering around the park to centralize along the lower creek by the parking lot. That's going to be a temporary location until the construction starts down there. And then it's going to move back up on the acreage off Fire Tower that was recently acquired. We're still experimenting with the permanent location. So that will evolve over time as well. Again, we hosted the Highlands Gravel Classic. Thanks to all the city

staff and all the volunteers that came out. It couldn't have been done without everyone that came out. So, it was quite incredible. And most importantly, thanks to all of you for supporting that event and allowing it to happen. Probably the bulk of the discussion that we had at the latest meeting was regarding the desire for academic collection and study of plants and animals at the park. Just discussing a framework for allowing and regulating that sort of use, if it's allowed at all. So, there's no real decision that's going to be brought forward at right now. The park rules ordinance stands. But there is a desire from the university and some other groups and teachers and stuff to do some form of collection. And we don't know what that's going to look like. But expect more for that to come. And that's pretty much about it. Betty Nichols: Are we going to host the Gravel Classic again next year? Yes, it was presented to us. And I think we haven't officially said. Yeah, the desire is there from the event organizer, but it hasn't been requested yet. Thank you.

**H. Arbor Board Report:** Report is in Council's packet. Betty Nichols presented.

**Old City Business:**

**A. Resolution Regarding Community Building Use:** Mayor Stroud presented. Resolution authorizing certain use of the community building. Nonprofit entities \$1.00 per year. Public groups (i.e. neighborhood POAs) \$50.00 per year. Corporations, Limited Liabilities Companies, Sole proprietorships, etc. \$100.00 per year. Paula Anderson motion to approve read in title only. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0).

Hogue read: "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN USE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING."

Paula Anderson motioned to approve. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

**B. DesignScapes Council Update:** Brian Hogue presented. I looked into this more. And I think what needs to happen is the extent of this, it appears as though it's going to be a totally amended conditional use permit is what they're going to request, or need to request. And to do that, they're going to have a public hearing published in the newspaper, schedule it, have that held in the Planning Commission, and then it would come to you all at that point to determine if you're going to approve of that conditional use permit as amended or not. As it sits right now, I think the Planning Commission has made it abundantly clear that the current state of that property is not in compliance with what a conditional use permit is. One of the options that the city has would be to revoke a conditional use permit. My advice, however, is that we don't need to go to that step right now. I think we should give the applicant the opportunity to have the public hearing fully held and have everybody heard all the neighbors that are in opposition to it and ask for themselves and have it come here for the final determination to be made. The timing of that, according to our zoning regulations, the public hearing or the request for that needs to be filed by the 10th day of the month. And so, where this puts us is having this public hearing at the July Planning Commission meeting and then have it here on your agenda for the July meeting. So that's where we are right now. There were some questions earlier about the Planning Commission, and unfortunately, I was not there for that part of the meeting, and I got here after. But as I understand it, the proposed site plan that was in front of them that night, they approved of, but they requested that the work be done within 60 days. I've talked to the attorney that's representing the applicants, and understandably so there's hesitancy of spending what amounts to be probably north of \$20,000 in work that would need to be done to come into or to follow through with that site plan. But without any certainty of it being approved, the hesitancy to spend the money is there, and I can understand that. So,

my recommendation to you all is that we essentially, if there's no action taken tonight, that we allow them that opportunity to go through and have the public hearing held and then bring it back here for you all for a final determination of that. Birch: So, I'd like to hear from the applicants. I went through all the documents, but it sounds like what was initially requested didn't happen. I just want to hear from the background on that. My name is Payton Bentley. I'm with Clark Law Firm, and I represent DesignScapes in this matter. So, if you have any specific questions, I can absolutely address those. There were some misunderstandings on what the conditions required of the property. Clearly, that was a mistake, and they should have come to the city and asked for clarification on that usage. They are trying to over-accommodate to get back in compliance. The initial plan that was approved had about 20-plus existing trees on the property. It called for 64 trees to be planted, 43 shrubs, and 14 perennial ground cover. The new landscape plan that the commission approved as amended provides for 128 trees, 180 shrubs, and 229 perennial ground covers for 537 plants. That is 396 more plants than were on the initial plan. They have, even at the planning commission, agreed to Mr. McGurk's comments on adding the double screen on the south side. So, they increased those trees. The plants themselves are going to be worth \$30,000, and they're willing to do that to appease the city and get back in compliance to show their good faith on wanting to get this property back into that condition with the street buffering as well as the south neighboring buffering. Birch: So, was the planning commission specifically asking for that much? Sitting here, that sounds like overkill to me, but I understand the need to get back to it. The planning commission just wanted our clients to provide a plan that showed a legitimate effort to get that buffering back in place, and they thought, let's provide as much as possible, and then when Mr. McGurk asked for even more, they said, yes, we will. Instead of doing just a single row of trees and a fence, multiple rows of trees that are staggered that provide more buffering than just a single row of trees. Brian: The planning commission made no specific request. Birch: Appears DesignScapes is going above and beyond to make it right. Dana Quinn would like DesignScapes to sit with herself, her Husband & Kyle to discuss the design plans. Max Poye motioned to table and allow DesignScapes to go through the application process and it will end up back Infront of Council. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

- C. Planning Commission Appeals Discussion:** Lacie Lawson presented. Brian: I think what the Planning Commission on this wants you all to consider is Lacie, tell me if I'm recalling this incorrectly, that you all adopt an ordinance that specifies any decisions that they might make is appealable to the city council. Is there going to be an appeal process, a form that would be drafted for somebody to fill out? Lacie: It's kind of like BZA, and it states it in our ordinance, or in our regulation. It's not by ordinance, but in our regulations, that any decision made by BZA is appealed by a court. They, in turn, want to put into our code that any decision made by Planning Commission is appealed to council. So there needs to be a request form that goes before council, whether it be a lot line split, whether it be we want to change the gated ordinance, something that planning would initially overhear first, and then whatever that decision is, if it's not agreed on with the applicant, then it comes before council. Mayor: If there's an appeals process. And I think that we discussed at the Planning Commission that might need to be an ordinance on how appeals are brought to the council. Brian: That's what we need to talk about, is just the specifics of what that should look like. Lacie: Not only do we need an ordinance for it, but then we also must find the wording to put it into our regulations and have that available. Birch: So, I think, in part, this was a result of the gates in the subdivisions. And then Mr. Padilla brought it forward, and there was a vote at the Planning Commission, and it never made it to council, so we didn't know about it unless we read the

Planning Commission minutes. So, I agree. Lacie: And now there will be an official Planning Commission report every month, whether I give it or somebody from Planning Commission does. Birch: So, it's an oversight. As a process. I don't know what that looks like. I would totally support a draft ordinance that speaks to that. John I will second that.

- D. Purchase of Bucket Truck:** Mayor Stroud presented. Last month the city council authorized us to buy a bucket truck for the street department for use in pruning city trees. And we were able to purchase this bucket truck for \$29,950. It is a 2013 International Ford 300. It has 63,500 miles on it. It's in excellent condition.
  
- E. City Hall Updates:** Mayor Stroud presented. There's been continued issues with drainage around City Hall. This has been going on for a long time, we have been digging some ditches and putting in French drains, putting in curtains with drains to try to mitigate some of the water that enters around City Hall. There was a water leak, they were able to fix. The City Hall building itself, There's awnings over the window and the back door. We have the lettering to put up, it will say Goshen City Hall and Goshen City Hall on the side as well. We are still waiting on the bid for a sign for the Goshen Police Department to cover it, where it says Fire Station. The glass doors have been installed to protect the metal so that it's not going to rust or wear any further. We have spoken with Tomlinson Asphalt about adding some asphalt to the back end and along the side to provide for parking. We will fill the cracks and seal the parking lot.
  
- F. Job Posting Update:** Mayor Stroud presented. We got many resumes. We did narrow it down, and I think we have an excellent hire. We'll offer her the job, and hopefully she'll start this week. So, her name is Abigail O'Brien, and she interviewed extremely well. John: How many hours will she work? Mayor: 16 hours per week.
  
- G. ARDOT Update:** Mayor Stroud presented. I spoke to them today. They should be finished with the overlay by the end of the week, depending on the weather. And then they will start finishing up the striping of what's left on the striping, having that by the end of next week. I did request, the request that you guys have made from the council for the decrease in the speeding, as well as the passing zone, passing lane. The first person that I reached out I didn't get a response. So, I emailed that person, and I'm waiting to hear back whether they would decrease the speed. I've asked for a decrease to 35, and then those areas of speed taken out further and decrease that speed earlier on before you get downtown into the city. So, I'm waiting to hear back from that. I also asked for all the data as far as the numbers on that traffic study that we had done at the intersection. And I requested, if we can, getting a crosswalk at that area. So, I don't know what that's going to entail, but I'm waiting to hear back from them. I want to know what the process is and what the cost will be. Because at this point, we don't know. But when I ask for all this other stuff for ARDOT, I'm going to ask for that too. So that's where we are with the ARDOT follow-up at this point. We do have an application that we'll have to have in by the end of the month for our second phase of TAP grant for trail. And so, we will get that hopefully completed this week, or if not, by next week, so we can get that application submitted for the second phase of our TAP grant. And as far as the update on the current grant that we're awaiting, Luke Jost, I think he said those will be in by the end of the week, that final design plan. And then we will submit that

to ARDOT. That's the only thing we're waiting on for them to approve. That should align well with our HUD grant.

- H. **Hud Update:** Lacie Lawson presented. We're trying to correlate the ARDOT project with the HUD project. Ken has been working tirelessly through COVID on this environmental review. When he spoke with Mr. Derinzy, we've been waiting on a 70-15-15 form to come back from Little Rock to find out there was an incorrect submission of the public notice. So, we had to resubmit that. The ending time on that public comment period was yesterday. So, Ken came by the office today and we re-signed that 70-15-15 form that will be sent to Little Rock for review. When they review that, we'll get a 70-15-16 form back that will release the funds, for lack of better words, in our DRGR portal. That's when we'll start uploading our action plan projects, activities, and all of that. And then as we go through there, they'll release funds as needed, based on the work that's been completed on the project. When does the project start? The project can start as soon as we get the 70-15-16 form.
  
- I. **Annexation Update:** Lacie Lawson presented. We got a list of every address. All the parcels uploaded on a GIS. We worked with Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning. After we got the legal description, we sent that to the Arkansas GIS office and got our letter back. Now that we've gotten our letter back, we were able to go to Brian with an ordinance. We have an ordinance. We can do our first reading, hopefully, across the fingers of our ordinance today. Next month, we hope to start a new paper that we're going to have a public hearing next month for the annexation. That allows people to come in and comment on yay and nay, their feelings on the annexation. Hopefully, we can wait for the third reading next month and approve the ordinance. If we can approve the ordinance next month, the ordinance, the legal description, all of that will go to the election board. We'll start crossing the t's and dot i's to get that completely going and have it on the ballot by November. Colton Martin motioned to read the title only. Seconded by Birch Wright.

**Roll Call vote Yay**

Birch Wright Yes  
Paula Anderson Yes  
John Vaillancourt Yes  
Shawn Mayfield Yes  
Max Poye Yes  
Colton Martin Yes

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

None

Hogue read: "AN ORDINANCE SUBSMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER EFFECTED PERSONS, THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF GOSHEN CERTAIN CONTINUOUS TERRITORY: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

Brian: Any Comments

Birch: I spoke to a few families that were being annexed, I think the general theme from them was it's going to happen to us, either by Springdale, Fayetteville or Goshen. Since we have the planning area, we have first dibs. So, I think that's positive. I think the feedback they told me was, what does it mean for me? So, I think we'd be prepared to have that discussion. Lacie listed the benefits. Birch: Shared some of them with citizens he spoke with. And they were happy to hear those. Birch: Obviously, the converse is what's it going to cost me? Their property taxes will go up. Birch: So, one question is, Section 7 talks about if this is approved upon county extent within three years. That statute, we have to say within three years. Mayor: Even if it goes to the election, if it's voted in and it is approved via election, we still must go and

submit that to the court. And then they must go ahead and ratify it. And then they must go to the court. Birch: But our intent is once it's approved, we're applying these services. Mayor: Correct.

- J. Injunction Update:** Brian Hogue presented. I sent a letter to Dale Carlton, Mr. Browning's real estate agent, and that prompted a quick response, which resulted in a few conversations with Mr. Browning, and then a meeting that I was not able to attend, that Lacie did, with Mr. Browning, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Browning's attorney, the fire captain, and then the infrastructure guy, was there. So, here's where we stand on this. In the letter, I'll put them on notice, as it stands right now, we're not going to issue any building permits. But, after the meeting, again, I wasn't there, so I may be speaking out of turn, but there was some pushback from them trying to interpret our subdivision regulations in a way that I do not agree with. I think Mr. Browning's trying to argue that it's not even a subdivision, so none of our regulations apply. Lacie: So, I looked back over the meetings. During the meeting, he wanted to say that it wasn't a subdivision whatsoever. He wanted to say that the fire code was able to be interpreted. I went back and I looked at the minutes. The commission, I don't think it ever came to council. I can't find the minutes anywhere that it ever came to council in the same time frame. But, in the planning commission minutes, it said, absolutely, it was considered a minor subdivision. I don't know how. It's 11 lots. Regardless, it still must adhere to the exemptions listed, that it is exempt except for the road conditions. And that's kind of like where we're moving forward. Nothing except what Mr. Browning is saying says that those roads don't need to be 26 feet wide. Brian: As it stands right now, the road does not meet Appendix D's requirements. The mayor and I talked about this yesterday. It's kind of up to you all what you want to do. I mean, at some point, we must absolutely enforce what our regulations are. We haven't, at times, up until now. I don't know if this is the point in time where we do it, and you all decide as a body to move forward. Mayor: I feel like, in my position coming into this, this was approved before me, I think Mr. Browning came to the planning commission. Planning commission said, yes, go ahead. I think there was a lack of some clarity as to our own subdivision regulations based on this over-five-acre rule that we had, that if you're over five acres, you don't really have to comply with all the subdivision regulations except for Appendix D. And Appendix D is where it talks about the roads. I'm not sure that he got adequate guidance on what that was. He has a 20-foot road. He is completely okay with making a 96-foot turnaround at the end of the compliant with fire code to be able to turn around a fire truck at the end of that subdivision. This is a 20-foot road. It's not curbed or guttered. So, you know, my concern is he's already had all the utilities in place. If we go back now and say you must, no matter what, you must make these 26 feet, then he's going to have to have all those utilities moved. I don't know that that's... Personally, I don't know that that's fair. I wasn't there during all this process. I mean, I don't know. But I'm hesitant to say you got to go back and do all these things. I think going forward, absolutely, we're living on top of it. We're not going to let this happen in the future. One of the reasons we're looking at adding it to 10 acres instead of five, decreasing that number of homes before it becomes a major subdivision is because we don't want to end up in that situation where things just fall outside of those rules and so people can do things that are not what we anticipate for subdivisions. Lacie: I would ask that council gives him that leeway at a 20-foot-wide road. Mr. Browning has agreed to a 96-foot-wide turnaround at the cul-de-sac. If there is a need for an additional pull over, he has agreed to do that. Colton Martin motioned to approve with 20-foot width with a 96-foot turnaround. Seconded by John Vaillancourt. All in favor? Yay (6) Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

**K. Animal Control Ordinance Discussion:** Mayor Stroud presented. I brought forward an Animal Control Ordinance for you guys, which is an ordinance to adopt a policy on animal control. I did revise it based on the comments that were made by counsel on the bullet. One of the comments was around the leash law, which that was changed to read that it's under the control of the owner. They don't have to necessarily be on a leash. I think we might be on a leash. So, there's the one that I requested that we go and redo the first reading, which we did last month. And I'm going to give you the revisions on it. Colton requested a different animal ordinance to be adopted as an emergency. We're covering both of those in this discussion. My understanding was you guys wanted to change the animal as far as how the animal is under the owner's control. You guys did not want it to be on a leash all the time as long as it's under verbal control. So that was changed, and that was page 8. Page 8. Here it is up here. Under section 4, any animal while on the street, sidewalk, public road, or in the park, public square, or other public space are to be argued without the consent of the owner and shall be asked to control the owner either by being secured by a leash or a chain as sufficient to self-restraint or by verbal control to restraining the animal. So that takes care of that part. The other concern was on page 12, which was about... Max had a question about, well, how do we know what is the appropriate amount of space for livestock? So, in looking that up, that's a very good question because there's no specific number that I can give there. And the reason is because, you know, depending on the topography, soil composition, there's all sorts of different ways to look at that. That's defined on USDA, and they have a nice website that kind of goes through all of that. And I just included that as our resource for land management and grazing. And it's roughly one cow per acre. We'll get our area that's roughly about what it is. And it's usually about one horse per acre and a half to two acres. And so that's kind of on horse, cow, and then they go into pigs and goats and sheep and all that. But that's the website. That's where I would refer to because if it changes, it changes at that website. We refer our ordinance back to the USDA. And that's pretty much everything agricultural. And it's all founded in research. Those are the only two things that I was asked to change, so that's what's been changed in the animal control policy. The reason I think it's important for us to move forward with either reading and adopting this and waiving the third reading or us waiting and reading it again at another council meeting is that we have no mechanism in place currently to police, enforce any of the ordinances because we don't have any way to control, capture, isolate, contain any animal as a city. And currently, we call Washington County. They may or may not decide to come to our city and assist with the apprehension of an animal. Birch: So, Mayor, I'll recall those two changes and agree. The other thing we talked about was registering your animals. And we really discussed about microchipping. But I said I would not be interested in microchipping. I think we took that out completely. Mayor: I think that was a part of this. Colton: I'm just one of six. But to me, I read this and kind of think it's a little bit of overreach, addressing problems that we don't have. Maybe it will happen in the future. But, you know, cows per acre. These terms, I don't even know what they mean in here. It's restricting waterfowl. Is that right? There's waterfowl in here. There's—I mean, all of this came out just because Betty had a dog growl at her. Mayor: I'm going to push back a little bit and say that I have had several calls because of the horses at the Hissom farm, this would address this. Talking about waterfowl, if you live in a neighborhood and you have a neighbor that decides they're going to buy five geese, and those geese come over and poop all over your sidewalk, and they will. And then that becomes a problem. So, I do think that this is needed, and I think that it may not have been a problem yet in your neighborhood or your neighbor or anywhere in the city yet, but I do think this addresses all those things that will and could come forward as a problem and gives us a mechanism by which to address those. Paula: What kind of response have you gotten, on the website as far as the surveys?

Mayor: No one that I know has submitted anything. We haven't gotten any feedback from the city. But I will say with the people who discussed the animal control policy, they've all been in favor of us having an animal control policy, and they think it's a good idea to have this so that we can enforce it. Colton: The fees are steep. Mayor: I think the fees are reasonable considering what they are at Washington County. I think our fees are in line with all the other cities. And part of the reason that the fees are high is that if you have somebody that lets their dog run around the neighborhood and it's \$25 to pick up their dog, they're less likely to put that dog in a fence or to keep the dog from running around the neighborhood than if they must spend \$150 to come get their dog. Kyle: There's a section on keeping bees. So, as it's written, that's stricter than the City of Fayetteville's regulations. I've talked to a couple beekeepers. I propose changing that to 25 feet if you have a nest, and 100 feet if you don't. That's in line with the City of Fayetteville's urban agriculture regulations. Mayor: So, if you will email me all those recommendations, I will gladly bring that back to the board. Because I do think it's nice to have a third reading and allow for more public comment. Paula: As far as the ordinance regarding the removal of the aggressive pets, that Colton brought forward. You know, I think that that's something that we probably ought to act on it tonight. Mayor: The problem acting on, and I mean, we can read it. And I don't mind us acting on it. There's no way for us to enforce it. Birch: So, would it make sense to read this in title only for the first reading? Mayor: This is the second reading. John: You can make those changes; it will be the third reading. Birch motioned to read in title only the second reading. Seconded by John Vaillancourt.

**Roll Call Vote Yay**

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

Birch Wright Yes  
 John Vaillancourt Yes  
 Paula Anderson Yes  
 Shawn Mayfield Yes  
 Max Poye Yes  
 Colton Martin Yes

None

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

The motion carried

Colton Martin brought forward an Ordinance regarding the removal of aggressive or uncontrolled pets. After much discussion pertaining to enforcing it, preparing the city to take control of said pets. Colton Martin motioned to read in title only, waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Seconded by John Vaillancourt.

**Roll Call Vote Yay**

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

Paula Anderson Yes  
 John Vaillancourt Yes  
 Max Poye Yes  
 Colton Martin Yes

Birch Wright No  
 Shawn Mayfield No

Hogue read: "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF AGGRESSIVE OR UNCONTROLLED PETS."  
 Colton Martin motioned to adopt. Seconded by John Vaillancourt.

**Roll Call Vote Yay**

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

Paula Anderson Yes  
 John Vaillancourt Yes  
 Max Poye Yes  
 Colton Martin Yes  
 The motion carried

Birch Wright No  
 Shawn Mayfield No

Colton Martin motioned to approve emergency clause. Seconded by John Vaillancourt.

**Roll Call Vote Yay**

Paula Anderson Yes  
John Vaillancourt Yes  
Colton Martin Yes

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

Birch Wright No  
Shawn Mayfield No  
Max Poye No

- L. **Ordinance 181 (second reading):** Brian Hogue presented. Birch Wright motioned to read the second reading in title only. Seconded by Paula Anderson.

**Roll Call Vote Yay**

Birch Wright Yes  
Paula Anderson Yes  
John Vaillancourt Yes  
Shawn Mayfield Yes  
Max Poye Yes  
Colton Martin Yes

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

None

Hogue read: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 181."

- M. **Resolution Adopting Record Retention Policy:** KaSeana Williams. I made the change to move the video and digital recordings from three years to permanent. As requested, I'd also like to go ahead and move the payroll records from four years to seven years. So, I'll make that change as well. Birch: Just because? It's been in the recommended to move it to seven. Colton: What's the minimum requirement? The minimum requirement for payroll records is seven years. Birch Wright motioned to read in title only. Seconded by Colton Martin. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0).

Hogue read: "RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY GOVERNING THE RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN."

Colton Martin motioned to adopt. Seconded by Max Poye. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

- N. **Business Licenses:** Lacie Lawson presented. Lacie presented a revised Business License registration form. Council did not see any benefit at this time. Colton Martin motioned to table Business Licenses. Seconded by Max Poye. Mayor called into question asked for a vote.

**Roll Call Vote Yay**

Birch Wright Yes

**Roll Call Vote Nay**

Paula Anderson No  
John Vaillancourt No  
Shawn Mayfield No  
Max Poye No  
Colton Martin No

Motion did not pass.

**New City Business:**

- A. **2024 Budget Amendment Proposal:** Mayor Stroud presented. The Finance Committee gathered and convened and looked at our budget. John: Before we get into the whole budget. The community, the City Hall increase for renovations. I think that we spent way too much money on City Hall. Last year, you

went over budget by \$10,000 and spent \$40,000 on renovations on City Hall. Then we came back and we got another \$35,000? Now you want us to raise that to \$70,000. Mayor: Correct. John: \$110,000 for renovate City Hall. All custom-made cabinets. Now, custom-made credenzas and everything else. And then we put the most expensive tops on the desk. And on the countertops in City Hall. Colton: What was the cost of the granite? Mayor: We don't have a breakdown. We can pull it up and look at it. I think the total cost of the granite was for everything was around \$5,000 to \$7,000. And we got a discount on that because it was ordered. And the person that ordered it didn't take it. KaSeana they were \$8,700.00. And I'm going to say, when you come into a city, and the City Hall that we had was in the condition that it was in, it had been there, I think, since it was built in the 1980s. And nothing had really been changed. We had an area in the back where there were literally pipes sticking out of the wall. Where there were cabinets that got water damage from an old sink. And they just pulled the cabinets out. The wall with the pipes sticking out. And a non-functional stove. An old refrigerator. I think we've done a great job with the money that we utilized. Discussion continued with the list of all overage because of unforeseen repairs needed. Colton: Costs are a significant increase. For me, it's more about whenever we put up lights, and we want to adjust those minimal costs to do so, the answer has been, oh, we don't have the money to do it. But here, I'm seeing we've got the money to make changes. It's just these changes are only coming from administration. Your decisions. The lights are a priority for me. I know I would love to have seen those adjusted. But the answer is that we're not changing those. Mayor: That's incorrect. I've spoken with Ozark's electric, and Ozark's electric said that they don't offer any other light fixture that they can put on that pole. And I thought that you had said that you were going to reach out to Ozark's electric and have them adjust it. Colton: And, they will. So, we'll see. Mayor: I have a budget report looking forward, and that's one of the things included in this community building lights. Colton: I appreciate it. But that's my hang-up. That's the only thing, is I see all these increases that are kind of, I don't know where their priorities are coming from. I don't know, because the council set the budget, and then suddenly, we're seeing significant increases in different areas that the council has not really discussed. So that's just my input. Birch: You must adjust the budget as you go. I don't disagree. There are some unforeseen costs. There's cost to the business. I think what's important is look at your expenses, look at your revenues, see your bottom line. If the council feels that we need to set a percentage of overrun that needs to come to the council, then that's something we can discuss. The bottom line is we're on our budget for the year. Colton: How would that work? Birch: As an example, we want to say anything that's over 30% of budget or 15% of budget to bring it back for discussion. Mayor: That's why we're here. We know we're not going to be able to go forward with the rest of the things that we need to do at the City Hall, with the budget that we have. I would like to get at least approval to go forward with these two capital projects, tonight. And then we'll bring the budget back next month for you guys to look at more specifically. Max: You're asking for an additional \$45,000? Total. And that will be the community building and the city hall? Mayor: Yes. Max Poye motioned to approve. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor? Yay (6) Opposed? (0). The motion carried. Several Citizens expressed how good City Hall looks with all the renovations.

- B. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Parcels:** Mayor Stroud presented. Resolution authorizing purchase of parcels of the park. Colton motioned to read in title only. Seconded by Birch Wright. All in favor? (6). Opposed? (0).

Hogue read: "AN RESOLUTIN AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PARCEL NOS. 770-17551-000, 770-17551-001 AND 770-17551-002."

Colton Martin motioned to adopt. Seconded by Paula Anderson. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

- C. Fayetteville City Water Update:** Mayor Stroud presented. We met with Corey Granderson, with Fayetteville Water, and Olsen, who's the contractor engineering firm. Mayor displayed the water line route. Birch: It will be going before Fayetteville Council for approval. Should be completed by end of 2025.

**Public Input:** Birch any news on Dollar General fence? Lacie: yes, they have put it out for bids. Dana Quinn asked about Ordinance numbers on the Ordinance read at the Council meeting. Mayor they are not number until after they are approved

**Adjournment:** Birch Wright motion to adjourn at 10:10 Pm. Seconded by Colton Martin. All in favor? Yay (6). Opposed? (0). The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

  
Marjorie Jaillancourt  
Recorder/Treasurer

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Russell Stroud  
Mayor