

MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
July 9, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Cathy Oliver, Mayor, called the regular meeting of the Goshen City Council to order on July 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Goshen City Hall.
- 2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** Paula Anderson, Angie Driver, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin and John Vaillancourt were present and a quorum was declared. Birch Wright was absent. Brian Hogue, City Attorney, was absent so Josh Bailey from the Hogue Law Firm was present. Sharon Baggett, Recorder/Treasurer, was absent. Lora Nanak, Office Manager, filled in for the Recorder/Treasurer.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Cathy Oliver changed item 5 "B" from "Ordinance regarding administrator on city accounts" to 5 "B" as "Sign discussion at Methodist Church." A motion was made by John Vaillancourt, with a second by Bill Hewat, to approve the amended agenda with the change. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** John Vaillancourt read items requesting to be added to 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7 & 9 which included comments made by Council members and the Public during the June 11, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by John Vaillancourt, with a second by Bill Hewat, to accept the corrected minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

John Vaillancourt then read items requesting to be added to 4, 5, & 6 which included comments made by Council members and the public at the June 20, 2019 special meeting. Colton Martin said the minutes needed to be corrected to show he was absent at the June 20, 2019 meeting. Bill Hewat made a motion, with a second by John Vaillancourt to accept the minutes of June 20, 2019 special meeting with the corrections stated by John Vaillancourt and Colton Martin. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. CITY BUSINESS:

A. OPENING SEALED ROAD BIDS: Copies of all bids were opened during the meeting & are now on file at City Hall. Josh Bailey read the state statute regarding acceptance of bids. APAC bids had to be disqualified because they didn't enclose a bid bond, cashier check or certified check as was required by our newspaper ad for bids. Tomlinson did not bid for chip & seal work for either road. Hutchens did bid for chip & seal for both roads but indicated they would not be able to do the work until the summer of 2020. A motion was made by Paula Anderson, with a second by John Vaillancourt to accept the lowest bid of \$50,988 for Ledford Rd from Tomlinson. Discussion followed. All voted in favor and the motion carried to award the \$50,988 bid for Ledford Rd for resurfacing of asphalt to Tomlinson. A motion was made by Paula Anderson, with a second by John Vaillancourt to accept the lowest bid of \$28,680 for Misty Valley Rd. from Hutchens. Discussion followed. Public input was given. All voted in favor and the motion carried to award the \$28,680 bid for Misty Valley Rd for resurfacing of asphalt to Hutchens.

B. SIGN DISCUSSION AT METHODIST CHURCH: Russell Stroud discussed his 4' x 4' signs about free medical care one day a month at the church asking if he needed a variance. Josh Bailey stated our sign ordinance has some problems and that he will have Brian Hogue determine if revisions are needed. Josh Bailey felt at this time the City should not do anything to keep Russell from having his free clinic signs at the church. Josh Bailey felt as our ordinance reads now Russell's signs would fall under the exceptions

to the permit for non-profits. A motion was made by Bill Hewat, with a second by John Vaillancourt to grant an exception for Russell's sign because of the non-profit nature & the free service he is providing to the community. Colton Martin abstained from the vote. All other council members present voted in favor and the motion carried. Cathy Oliver announced the Arkansas Lottery Commission has said Arkansas law allows the *small* lottery two legged sign at the Fast Trax to be on the premises.

C. FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ABOUT COMMUNITY BUILDING: Russell Stroud voiced his concern about mold being found in the HVAC system at the Community Building. Josh Bailey stated it would be self-serving for the city to remediate the mold. Public input was given. We have already taken some steps to improve the situation. We are now running the AC in the building, the fans are left on to circulate the air at all times, vents were added to crawl space, and we have a dehumidifier running all the time. It was agreed we would get a structural engineer to access if the building is structurally sound enough to continue using. If the structural engineer gives us a good report then we will move forward with the moisture barrier in the crawl space under the stage area. After the moisture barrier is completed Bill Hewat will re-test the building to determine if we need to consider fumigating the building.

D. NEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING FINES, FEES & 988 MONEY: We have not received money from the Elkins Court for 3 months now due to change in personnel at Elkins who don't know how to figure out the amounts we are owed. Brian Hogue is working on getting a new Interlocal agreement in place so we can rectify this situation.

E. WYMAN RD SPEED LIMIT: John Vaillancourt was contacted by a citizen living on Wyman Rd. who would like the speed limit to be increased from 25mph to 35mph. Mike Ball, Goshen Police Chief, had information showing since January 1, 2019 that only six speed related citations have been issued on that road. Of those 6 citations they averaged 22 or more miles over the posted speed limit of 25. More discussion followed. A resident of White Bluff Estates was at the meeting and stated he was in favor of the change to 35 mph. It was decided this would be on the agenda for our regular meeting in August so others would have time to voice their opinion.

F. HOUSE LOCATED ON 195 W BOWEN ACROSS FROM FAST TRAX: John Vaillancourt brought up the condition of the house wanting the owners to improve the property conditions. Discussion followed. Russell Stroud indicated he would get his father to go with him to visit the owner of the property who is living in an assisted living facility to discuss the condition of the property. Other citizens brought up concerns about some other properties including abandoned building at 380 Fire Tower which has asbestos siding.

6. REPORTS FOR JULY, 2019:

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Due to the absence of Sharon Baggett, Lora Nanak reported on the financials. The balance in the general fund at the end of June was \$592,184.10. The balance in the street fund at the end of June was \$124,208.80. A late payment on APERS is showing on Planning Services until Lora can find a better place for it next month.

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: A written report was presented and summarized by Mike Ball. Police Department Facebook is up and running & showing a lot of activity. Mike thanked Brittany Adams-Kelly with Matt Adams Foundation for Opioid Recovery for donating 5 Narcan kits to the Goshen PD

and Elkins PD for donating the prisoner transport partition that fits in Mike's truck. Mike will drive to N Little Rock soon to pick up the new vehicle.

C. STREET REPORT: Russell Stroud received a bid of \$8,867 from Tomlinson for grading Watson Circle & adding 200 tons of rock base to that road. Cathy Oliver mentioned Mike Bowen & Allan Barber were willing to use our tractor to grade and put gravel on Watson Circle expecting the cost to be much less. Russell voiced concern that dump trucks are going to have a hard time getting on that road due to overhanging trees. Concern was also voiced that Mike Bowen is needed more for mowing along our roads. Comments were made to consider paving aprons on both ends of Watson Circle and if under \$5,000 that would be within the Mayor's spending authority. It was also mentioned that Goshen Fire Department needs a small amount of paving in front of the fire station. It was suggested the 3 remaining city roads that are gravel could be considered for chip & seal in the future. Public input was given. A motion was made by Bill Hewat to accept Tomlinson's bid for \$8,867 for Watson Circle, with a second by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. REPORT FROM GOSHEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: A written report was reviewed. It was also announced the Goshen Fire Department has scheduled Community Day this year for October 12, 2019.

E. PLANNING COMMISSION WRITTEN REPORT: Nothing to present. NWA Regional Planning is working on a couple of items that may come before the Planning Commission soon.


F. BUILDING OFFICIAL'S WRITTEN REPORT: A written report was presented and reviewed.

7. REPORTS/COMMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY OR RECORDER/TREASURER: Cathy Oliver announced that Tracee Riggs was appointed to the HR Task Force last month to work with Colton Martin & Russell Stroud. Bill Hewat stated he would like to commend Russell Stroud for the free medical service he is providing to the community one day a month at the Goshen Methodist Church.

8. PUBLIC INPUT: The public was invited to a meeting being held the next day at the Goshen Methodist Church providing information about tick diseases and to the Ice Cream Social on July 20, 2019 also at the Goshen Methodist Church. Russell Stroud shared information regarding what was being considered as a possible purchase of land from the Mashie's for a park. The committee wants to walk the land before more consideration is given. A question was asked about the status of the Recorder Treasurer but no answers were available.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by John Vaillancourt and seconded by Bill Hewat to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Sharon Baggett
Recorder / Treasurer


Cathy Oliver
Mayor