

ORDINANCE NO. 45

**AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO.42 REGARDING
THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC INPUT**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council for the City of Goshen, Arkansas that time allotment be specified for public input;

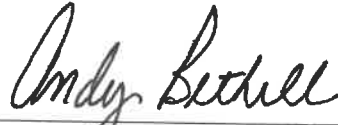
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Goshen, Arkansas, that Ordinance No.42 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That at all public meetings of the City Council or Goshen Planning Commission or any committee thereof in which a vote by the members is required, the public shall have at least ten (10) minutes allotted, if required, to provide input prior to the vote being taken. Individual comment time may be limited to two (2) minutes at the discretion of the Mayor. Any response time by Council or Committee members is not counted toward the time allocated for public input. It further shall be within the discretion of the Mayor to extend the ten minute period should additional time be required.

SECTION 2. Further, as an item of new business on each meeting agenda of the City Council, at least ten (10) minutes shall be allocated for public input which time may also be extended by the Mayor or limited to two (2) minutes per individual at the Mayor's discretion.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby declared that in order to clarify specific time allotment for public comment at public meetings for the City Council of the City of Goshen, an emergency exists and this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate protection of the public's right to speak at public meetings, shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of May, 2004.



Andy Bethell, Mayor

Attest:



Sharon Baggett, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Charles L. Harwell, City Attorney

ROLL CALL

Names of those voting Yea:

Joe Benson
Chuck Huskey
John Meek
Dick Seddon
Albert Skiles

Names of those voting Nay:

Names of those Absent:

John Kauffman