



Minutes of the Goshen Common Council Regular Meeting of March 2, 2021

6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

Mayor Jeremy P. Stutsman called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor commented on public health requirement to wear masks during public meetings, remote meeting option, and enforcement of the public health orders.

Present: Megan Eichorn (Dist 4), Julia King* (At-Large), Jim McKee (Dist 1), Doug Nisley (Dist 2),
Gilberto Pérez, Jr. (Dist 5), Matt Schrock (Dist 3), Youth Advisor Hazany Palomino (Non-voting)
*Present electronically

Absent: Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large)

Mayor noted that Council President Weddell was absent to attend his son's sectional basketball game.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf read the following statement: "We begin this meeting during a declared public health emergency covering all of the State of Indiana. Council member King is participating in this meeting by electronic communication pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-04, 20-09, and 20-47, as well as guidance from Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt. Additionally, Mayor Stutsman's Executive Order 2021-01 has directed that public meetings for the City of Goshen, including this one, be conducted with virtual public access and in accordance with the Rules for Virtual Meetings issued by the administration. Council members McKee, Eichorn, Nisley, Pérez, Schrock and Youth Advisor Palomino are physically present in City Council Chambers as we begin this meeting."

Nisley/Eichorn moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 2 and Feb. 16, 2021. PASSED 6-0

[Mayor commented on the interruption of the meeting as a resident was heard yelling in the lobby.]

Eichorn/King moved to approve the agenda as presented. PASSED 6-0

Privilege of the Floor

Glenn Null, Goshen, said he was grateful that in-person attendance was allowed again. Commended the Street Department for a good job plowing snow.



Elected Official Reports

Mayor: Announced Founders' Day was canceled, expects to deliver State of City address late March both in-person and remotely. Explained upcoming Salary Ordinance changes, including Christmas holiday change.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf: Announced that ≈\$109,000 Coronavirus Safety Awareness grant through CARES Act was approved by Indiana Finance Authority.

Pérez: Thanked Police Department for recent work, remaining clam and professional during challenging times, stresses of which can spill over into personal life. Encouraged community and PD to continue seeking resources. Noted that he and Councilor Schrock met with PD admin and officers.

Resolution 2021-06

Interlocal Agreement with Elkhart County for Animal Control Services

Nisley/Schrock moved for passage of Resolution 2021-06.

Mayor noted that contribution has not increased in recent years.

McKee commented that county's new facility is very nice.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-06: PASSED 6-0

Resolution 2021-07

Documenting the Filing of a Petition for Annexation into the City of Goshen

Nisley/McKee moved for passage of Resolution 2021-07.

City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann explained that this action creates a record of receipt of annexation request, in accordance with statute. Explained that this action has nothing to do with the annexation itself.

King requested meeting minutes from when this land was previously considered for annexation.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-07: PASSED 6-0

Resolution 2021-08

Concerning the Purchase of a Tri-axle Dump Truck

Nisley/Pérez moved for passage of Resolution 2021-08.

Mayor noted that Board of Works approved this purchase contingent on council action. Said that determining what is American-made is becoming ever more complicated.



Stegelmann summarized the packet memo. Noted that one bid did not include the dump portion of the truck and therefore could be dismissed as unresponsive. Listed components of lowest price truck, including engine and transmission, which were manufactured in U.S. (Indiana).

King asked of Stegelmann recommended Resolution 2021-08 or 2021-09.

Stegelmann said he could not provide guidance as to what constitutes "manufactured." Explained that council has purview to make rules and findings in this respect.

Fleet Manager Carl Gaines explained further details about various components. Noted that Wastewater Treatment Plant project needs this truck up and running by late May. Said leases are not available.

Nisley asked the type of truck. Gaines said it is International brand.

King asked for Stegelmann recommendation. Further technical discussion.

McKee asked where money would come from. Mayor replied Utilities.

Director of Public Works Dustin Sailor said that given what would be loaded into the truck (waste), rental unit was not available. Noted additional cost of delaying contract work if truck was not ready by end of May.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Null, Goshen, commented on "assembled" versus "manufactured." Said given that major components are manufactured in Indiana, this purchase would meet made-in-USA requirement in spirit and actuality.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor noted that company with higher bid is foreign-owned in spite of assembling vehicles in USA.

Nisley and Pérez made additional comments.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-08: PASSED 6-0

Resolution 2021-09

Concerning the Purchase of a Tri-axle Dump Truck

Nisley moved for passage of Resolution 2021-09. Motion died for lack of a second.



Ordinance 5076

Additional Appropriations

Nisley/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5076 on first reading.

Scharf explained reasons for the various appropriations, including clerical error cleanup, unanticipated PD grant award, and need to budget for Unsafe Building Fund.

Mayor commented on EDIT/Chamber of Commerce and EDIT/Redevelopment "cleanup."

Nisley asked about cash/appropriation mechanics. Scharf and Mayor replied.

Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5076 on first reading: PASSED 6-0

All councilors consented to hear second reading.

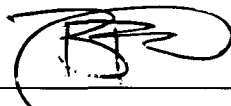
Nisley/McKee moved for passage of Ordinance 5076 on second and final reading.

Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5076 on second and final reading: PASSED 6-0

Nisley/King moved to adjourn. PASSED 6-0

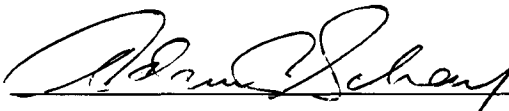
Meeting Adjourned 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



Dr. Brett F. Weddell, Common Council President

ATTEST:



Adam C. Scharf, Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer