



Minutes of the Common Council Regular Meeting of June 1, 2021

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

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

Present: Megan Eichorn (District 4), Julia King (At-Large), Jim McKee (District 1),
Doug Nisley (District 2), Gilberto Perez, Jr. (District 5),
Matt Schrock (District 3), Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large),
Youth Advisor Hazany Palomino (Non-voting)

Absent: None

King/Eichorn moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021 as presented. Passed 7-0

Perez/Schrock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 7-0

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke.

Resolution 2021-16: Approve Disposal of Real Estate | the 200-Block of West Monroe Street

Weddell/Schrock moved for passage of Resolution 2021-16.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-16. Passed 7-0

Resolution 2021-20: Preliminary Finding Concerning Lippert Components Manufacturing, Inc.'s
Compliance with Statement of Benefits for Personal Property

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Resolution 2021-20 to find for Option 1 as stated in the memo.



Community Development Director Mark Brinson presented the memo.

Discussion followed as to possible reasons as to why Lippert Components did not meet their hiring requirements.

Goshen Chamber President and CEO Nick Keiffer added that both companies, referring to Benteler Automotive as well, are in good standing in the community and have spent a large amount of resources to hire new employees.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-20. Passed 6-1

Eichorn:	Yes
King:	No
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	Yes
Perez:	Yes
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes

Resolution 2021-21: Preliminary Finding Concerning Benteler Automotive Corporation's Compliance
With Statement of Benefits for Personal Property (Under Benteler II ERA)

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Resolution 2021-21 to find for Option 1 as stated in the memo.

Mayor Stutsman stated that the Resolution is similar to Resolution 2021-20. Added that a shortage in vehicle parts has contributed to the lack of new employees for Benteler. Stated that Benteler invested \$19 million in equipment, however the equipment is not in-service.

King stated that she felt the Council should not have granted compliance last year however this noncompliance this year is more COVID-19 related.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-21. Passed 6-1

Eichorn:	Yes
King:	No
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	Yes
Perez:	Yes
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes



Resolution 2021-22: Preliminary Finding Concerning Benteler Automotive Corporation's Compliance with Statement of Benefits for Personal Property (Under Benteler III ERA)

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Resolution 2021-22 to find for Option 1 as stated in the memo.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2021-22. Passed 4-3

Eichorn:	No
King:	No
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	Yes
Perez:	No
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes

Ordinance 5083 (1st Reading): Amend Ordinance 5065, 2021 Compensation for Civil City and Utilities Employees, as amended by Ordinance 5081, to Clarify Payment of ASE Certification Bonus

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Ordinance 5083 on 1st Reading.

Nisley stated he spoke with the employees in question if they wanted to be paid the ASE Certification Bonus in a full amount or throughout the year. Stated that the employees would like the bonus in one payment.

Perez shared his thanks in joining the meeting between Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf and Street Commissioner David Gibbs. Also thanked Scharf for his apology on his miscommunication. Asked if Council could amend Teamsters Contracts.

City Attorney Bodie Stegelman stated the Teamsters Contract does not specify when the bonus is to be paid out. Added that the Salary Ordinance and the Teamsters Contract cannot contradict each other.

Further discussion followed on creating a presentation to show the benefits of getting the bonus throughout the year.

King stated she felt this decision should not be for the Council to decide.

Scharf and Stegelman discussed the meaning of the State Statute that allows the Clerk-Treasurer to decide frequency of payment unless stated otherwise.

Discussion followed on when the Teamsters Union contract will be negotiated.

Nisley/Weddell moved to pass adding the amended paragraph to Ordinance 5083.



Voice Vote to pass the amendment. Passed 4-3

Eichorn:	No
King:	No
McKee:	Yes
Nisley:	Yes
Perez:	No
Schrock:	Yes
Weddell:	Yes

Voice Vote to pass Ordinance 5083 on 1st Reading. Passed 7-0

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Ordinance 5083 on 2nd and Final Reading. Passed 7-0

Ordinance 5088: Repeal Bicycle Registration Program and Bicycle Registration Fee under Goshen City Code Title 4, Article 7, Chapter 1

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage to Repeal Ordinance 5088 on 1st Reading.

Mayor Stutsman stated that during City events to encourage registration, Board of Public Works waves the \$5.00 fee and does not collect enough to justify the fee throughout the year.

Weddell joked that in all the years he has owned bicycles he has never registered one.

Voice Vote to repeal Ordinance 5088 on 1st Reading. Passed 7-0

Weddell/Perez moved for passage to Repeal Ordinance 5088 on 2nd and Final reading.

Voice Vote to repeal Ordinance 5088 on 2nd and Final Reading. Passed 7-0

Discussion Item: City of Goshen Government Operations Climate Action Plan

Environmental Resilience Director Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley presented the plan. Provided a PowerPoint presentation that went over the highlights of the Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Stutsman added that the Council would be given time to review the document and bring it back on the July 6, 2021 Council Meeting.



Elected Official Reports

Mayor Stutsman announced this would be Youth Advisor Hazany Palomino's last full Council Meeting. Added that Adrian Mora would be sworn as the new Youth Advisor next meeting. Mayor also stated he reached out to Weddell and King to for an American Rescue Act Committee to discuss how funds will be spent from that grant.

Perez stated he and Schrock met with city Police Officers and provided an update on staff and connections with the community.

Scharf commented on the City of South Bend eliminated all minimum parking requirements and thought the City of Goshen could consider that to help in the Climate Action Plan.

Stegelman provided an update as to the case the City is in against the homeowners at 615 South Main Street. Discussion followed on the exact nature of the Sign Ordinance and what parts of the Ordinance were being violated.

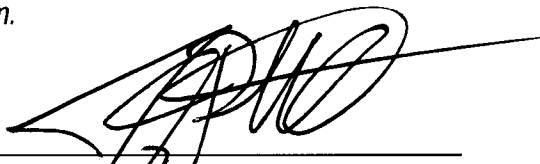
Further discussion led to a flag being displayed that included profanity and if that violated the Sign Ordinance. Mayor Stutsman stated that the flag falls under freedom of speech but the homeowner has been asked to take it down numerous times as the home resides close to a school and church. Council members commented on the complaints they have received and how it is not a friendly welcome to Goshen. Schrock stated he would personally reach out to the homeowner as he has been personally contacted by residents to express their concerns.

Eichorn and Mayor Stutsman discussed when the next River District Committee would meet. No official date has been set.

Nisley/Kind moved to adjourn. Passed 7-0

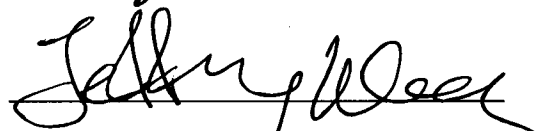
Meeting Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST:



Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer