

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL (JUNE 17, 2008)
111 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, GOSHEN, INDIANA

The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers for a regular session on June 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was Mayor Kauffman with members of the Council present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN RIEGSECKER, STUMP, STUTSMAN
COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE, ROBINSON

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN LANTZ, THOMAS

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

No items were presented under privilege of the floor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Riegsecker moved to accept the Minutes of the Council meetings of May 20, 2008 and June 3, 2008 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche and motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4493

Council President Stump introduced Ordinance Number 4493 entitled "FIXING THE 2009 ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN."

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Riegsecker.

Mayor Kauffman stated the salary figures in the Ordinance are the same as in the current year. The contract negotiations are not complete but there has been some talk of possible pay raises coupled with the City's request that the employees' contribution to the health insurance be increased.

Councilwoman Gautsche stated the Council is telling the employees that we do not know what the financial situation is going to be next year and she feels very comfortable leaving the Council salary the same but does not feel as comfortable with the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Judges salaries.

The Council agreed that they feel this is the proper thing to do.

By a 5-0 vote of the Council the motion passed.

(ORDINANCE 4493 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING ONLY THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE 2008.)

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NUMBER 4494

Mayor Kauffman opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance Number 4494, Additional Appropriation Ordinance.

Mayor Kauffman explained that the City prints a community service book in English and Spanish and the books are given out to landlords and new residents when they sign up for utilities. The City was running out of the books and intended to print them last year. LaCasa helped with some wording

in the booklets and the City applied for a grant from Goshen Health Systems. Goshen Health Systems funded the printing for \$6,500.00 and gave the City the money in 2007 but since the books did not get printed last year and the cost was not budgeted for in 2008 the request is to add \$6,5000.00 to the Board of Works budget under the Printing and Advertising account line.

Mayor Kauffman closed the Public Hearing as no person wished to speak.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4494

Council President Stump introduced Ordinance Number 4494 entitled "ADDITIOINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE."

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved its passage. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

By a 5-0 vote of the Council the motion passed.

Mayor Kauffman asked for unanimous Council consent to consider the Ordinance for passage during one meeting. As there were no objections, the Mayor declared that the Ordinance would be heard on second reading.

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only for second and final reading and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche.

By a 5-0 vote of the Council the motion passed.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: GAUTSCHE: RIEGSECKER: ROBINSON: STUMP: STUTSMAN

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4494 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2008.)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-24

Council President Stump introduced Resolution Number 2008-24 entitled "APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE INTERLOCAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ELKHART, CITY OF ELKHART, AND CITY OF GOSHEN FOR THE 2008 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AWARD."

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Resolution by title only and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

Police Adjutant Joe Brown explained the City's portion of the grant is \$4,009 and the money will be used for police equipment. Congress cut JAG grants as well as many Criminal Justice Programs and they were supposed to reinstate the funds in March but did not. In the past, the Cities of Goshen and Elkhart gave an administration fee to Elkhart County for administering the grant, but due to the low dollar amount, Elkhart County chose to waive the fee this year.

By 5-0 vote of the Council, Resolution Number 2008-24 was passed.

Council Discussion – July 30 Council Retreat

Council President Stump stated the Council Retreat is scheduled for July 30, 2008 and questioned if the Council wanted to hold the retreat and if the Council wanted to hear a report from each department head.

The Council discussed the following:

- When the Council has heard reports from department heads in the past, they have been limited to a specific amount of time and the Council gets some knowledge of what the departments are dealing with;
- The retreat allows brainstorming and long range planning time for the Council and the Council does not get many opportunities to sit together and discuss issues;
- All board and commission members are invited, therefore they are usually represented for the Council to discuss any items of interest with them;
- It is difficult to assign the same amount of time for each department;
- The departments need direction from the Council and it may be a better idea to just allow most departments to be there to answer any questions that arise. Although if any department has a problem or concern, they should have time to share it with the Council:and
- Bob McCoige would have the most prospective on current and upcoming projects in the City, Therefore the Council agreed they would be interested in a review from him.

Councilman Riegsecker moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor, Allan Kauffman
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____
Tina M. Bontrager
City Clerk-Treasurer