

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL (JANUARY 5, 2016)**  
**111 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, GOSHEN, INDIANA**

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The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers for a regular session on January 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was Mayor Stutsman with members of the Council present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN AHLERSMEYER, MCKEE, ORGILL, SCHARF, WEDDELL  
COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE: KING

ABSENT: NONE

**CHANGES TO AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President McKee moved to add and approve the December 29, 2015 minutes to the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer and motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to nominate Jim McKee as Council President. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell. Councilman Weddell moved to close nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer and motion passed unanimously to close nominations.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: AHLERSMEYER, GAUTSCHE, KING, MCKEE, ORGILL, SCHARF, WEDDELL

NAYS: NONE

**ORDINANCE 4852**

Mayor Stutsman stated this is a housekeeping Ordinance and asked Wastewater Superintendent Jim Kerezman to give a brief description. Mr. Kerezman stated every 5 years the City has to apply for a new Wastewater Discharge Permit. In this process the staff performs a Local Limits Study for pollutants which determines which pollutants we have to monitor and assess to industries.

Council President McKee introduced Ordinance 4852 entitled "AMEND ORDINANCE 4625, PRETREATMENT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, TO REVISE LOCAL LIMITS OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS."

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

Councilman Scharf asked Mr. Kerezman why hexavalent chromium and chlorides were no longer a concern, and what the benefit was to removing them from the monitoring list. Mr. Kerezman explained these pollutants had not been detected in any tests over a long period of time, and removing the **texting** requirement would save resources and cost.

During Council discussion Jim Kerezman confirmed this Ordinance is for the entire community and is geared towards industrial customers.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council the motion passed.

Mayor Stutsman 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 McKee 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 Councilman Ahlersmeyer.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: AHLERSMEYER, GAUTSCHE, KING, MCKEE, ORGILL, SCHARF, WEDDELL

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4852 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2016.)

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-01**

Council President McKee introduced Resolution 2016-01 entitled “APPROVING THE PROJECT COORDINATION CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR THE KERCHER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”

Council President McKee asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Resolution by title only and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Orgill.

Administrative City Engineer Mary Cripe stated this is for improvements between Dierdorff Rd and US 33. This is a 80/20 Federal/Local funds project for Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-way, Construction and Construction Inspection costs. This project has also been placed in the State’s queue to hold a place for funding assistance. As of now the State has allocated \$513,000 and that amount should increase as the project progresses. The City’s 20% share will be funded by Redevelopment up to \$1,080,000. The road will then be 3 lanes with a bike trail allowing for connectivity.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution 2016-01 was passed.

#### **BOARDS AND COMMISSION (RE)APPOINTMENTS**

- **COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**

- Councilwoman Gautsche moved to nominate Rocio Diaz to the CRC for a three year term to replace Sandra McMasters. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King. Councilman Weddell moved to close the nominations. Second by Councilwoman Gautsche and motion passed unanimously. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Rocio Diaz was appointed.

- Councilwoman Gautsche moved to nominate Sreekala Rajagopalan to continue on the CRC for a three term. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell. Councilman Weddell moved to close nominations. Second by Councilwoman Gautsche and motion passed unanimously. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Sreekala Rajagopalan was appointed.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
  - Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to nominate Doug Nisley as the Council's recommendation to the Mayor. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell. Motion passed by a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council.
- REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
  - Council President McKee stated Laura Coyne and Brett Weddell are both willing to continue to serve on the Commission. Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to appoint Laura Coyne. Second by Councilman Weddell. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Laura Coyne was appointed to the Redevelopment Commission.
  - Council President McKee moved to appoint Councilman Weddell. Second by Councilman Ahlersmeyer. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Councilman Weddell was appointed.
- SHADE TREE BOARD
  - Council President McKee state Joe Dervin is willing to continue to serve on the Shade Tree Board. Councilman Weddell moved to appoint Joe Dervin. Second by Councilman Ahlersmeyer. Council President McKee moved to close nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Orgill. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Joe Dervin was appointed.
- DOWNTOWN GOSHEN, INC.
  - Councilwoman King moved to nominate Councilwoman Gautsche. Motion seconded by Councilman Weddell. Councilman Weddell moved to close nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Councilwoman Gautsche was appointed.
- PLAN COMMISSION
  - Councilman Weddell moved to nominate Council President McKee. Motion seconded by Councilman Scharf. Councilman Weddell moved to close nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Orgill. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Councilman Weddell was appointed.
- SHADE TREE BOARD
  - Councilman Weddell moved to nominate Councilman Ahlersmeyer. Motion seconded by Councilman Scharf. Councilman Weddell moved to close nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Orgill. By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Councilman Ahlersmeyer was appointed.

### **APPROVAL OF 2016 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR**

After discussion the Council decided to have 2 meetings a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. with the following exceptions:

- No meeting April 5, 2016 due to Spring Break.
- May 3, 2016 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. to give any election workers that want to attend the meeting additional time.
- The third Tuesday in October falls during Fall Break – Meeting moved to the fourth Tuesday, October 25, 2016.
- An additional budget meeting if needed is set for October 27, 2016.
- December 27, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. is the yearend meeting for category transfers.

Council President McKee recommended setting a date for a Council Retreat in 2016 to hear from Department Heads and discuss any Council ideas/issues for 2016. Mayor Stutsman and Council President McKee will get together to finalize a date for the retreat. Council President McKee moved to accept the 2016 calendar as amended. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer and motion passed unanimously.

### **UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ACCEPTANCE**

Mayor Stutsman stated this is being filed by Councilwoman Gautsche and it is his understanding there is not a conflict of interest but this clears up a perception. Councilman Gautsche stated LaCasa, Inc has a loan with the City and the City thru the Community Development Block Grant program routinely contracts with LaCasa, Inc to assist in implementing the annual CDBG plan. Councilwoman Gautsche's husband is President of LaCasa so for purposes of transparency she submits the form. Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to accept the COID Statement. Motion seconded by Councilman Scharf and motion passed unanimously.

### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

Glenn Null, Goshen, welcomed the new Council people and suggested they read 'Robert's Rules of Order' as the meeting procedures have been adopted as the Goshen Common Council meeting procedures.

Joe Dervin, Goshen, stated almost everything in the millrace is dead and questioned if the fish would be restocked.

Mr. Mick Morgan, stated he used to own Westside Furniture and he has some concerns that he will not discuss tonight but would be available to have a discussion with anyone outside the meeting tonight. He wished all well.

Councilman Orgill expressed his thanks to former Councilwoman Robinson and stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> district is a better district due to her service.

Councilwoman King asked about options available to broaden the reach for candidates for annual board and commission appointments. The new website will offer more interaction for the public and the City may be able to have an application form that the Chamber and former Mayor Kauffman created for those interested in serving.

David Daugherty, Goshen, said the Chamber of Commerce has created an application form that is available for this purpose.

Councilman Scharf suggested possibly changing how the Council votes especially when contentious issues are being decided. One option could be paper ballots that the Clerk-Treasurer could read so the votes could be cast at the same time. The Council decided they could discuss this at a Council Retreat. Attorney Barkes informed the Council that the votes will still be public as it needs to be clear to the public how their Councilperson voted. Also there needs to be some time afforded to change your vote which now is until the presiding officer decides it is the final vote.

Councilman Weddell moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Orgill and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Jeremy Stutsman  
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina M. Bontrager  
City Clerk-Treasurer