

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL (AUGUST 2, 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 August 2, 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**

Councilman Scharf moved to amend the Agenda by moving Item 9 to Item 1. Motion seconded by Council President McKee and motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King and motion passed unanimously.

**GOOD OF GOSHEN PRESENTATION**

Good of Goshen Coordinator Gina Liechty gave a presentation on the Good of Goshen campaign stating they just finished Phase 2. In 2012 the Chamber of Commerce led a comprehensive study and they received a lot of great information from that study for the campaign. The campaign is vital to the economic success of Goshen. The team is gearing up for Phase 3.

**GOSHEN DAM DREDGING PROJECT**

Utilities Administrative Engineer Dustin Sailor gave a quick summary of the project stating the project was brought by the Elkhart River Restoration Association to the City. The project has received support from the City, the ERRRA and the Dam Pond Economic Improvement District (Residents).

David Troup, Goshen, commented on the project and stated this is only affecting 36 of the total 146 acres.

**ORDINANCE 4870**

Council President McKee introduced Ordinance 4870 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 3011, KNOWN AS THE ZONING AND USE REGULATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOSHEN, INDIANA, BY REZONING THE AREA OF REAL ESTATE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED FROM COMMERCIAL B-4PUD AND RESIDENTIAL R-3PUD TO INDUSTRIAL M-1 WITH A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) OVERLAY DISTRICT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE WATERFORD COMMONS BUSINESS PARK PUD."

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 Ahlersmeyer.

City Planner Rhonda Yoder stated this rezoning was passed to the Council with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission by a unanimous vote of 9-0. This is rezoning an undeveloped area of Waterford Commons PUD.

Barry Pharis of Brads-Ko Engineering representing MA Investments explained the project and stated they are taking all of the stormwater to an underground pipe to store outside of the wellhead protection area. It has been a challenging design.

Goshen Chamber of Commerce President David Daughtery stated he is glad to see this development and urged the Council to approve the Ordinance.

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 Weddell.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4870 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2016.)

**ORDINANCE 4871**

Council President McKee introduced Ordinance 4871 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 4768, KNOWN AS THE WATERFORD COMMONS BUSINESS PARK PUD.”

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 Weddell.

City Planner Rhonda Yoder explained this is a PUD major change. The Plan Commission passed this to the Council with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous vote of 9-0. The Plan Commission changed the minimum of sidewalk width requirement from 4’ feet as requested to 5’.

Barry Pharis of Brads-Ko Engineering representing MA Investments explained the project and stated the request of reduced width sidewalks was partly for cost but also because these are small

lots. Further the 200 acres south of this area is being designed to be a very high end industrial park.

Chamber of Commerce President David Daughtery stated the Chamber supports the changes in the Ordinance and urged the Council to support.

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The Council roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4871 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2016.)

#### **ORDINANCE 4872**

Council President McKee introduced Ordinance 4872 entitled "AMEND 2016 SALARY ORDINANCE 4842 TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION."

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 Ahlersmeyer.

Mayor Stutsman stated he is asking for support of this position. Mayor Stutsman explained the City spent a lot of money on the new website and it takes a lot of time to keep the website, Facebook and other social media updated. This person will preferably be bilingual and will organize all media relations also.

The Council discussed the position and the fact that the need for this position is self evident.

Angie Troyer, Goshen, stated she is in favor of the position.

David Daughtery, Goshen, stated he is in favor of the person having Spanish speaking abilities and he personally supports the position.

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The Council roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4872 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2016.)

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 4873**

Mayor Stutsman opened the Public Hearing.

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

**ORDINANCE 4873**

Council President McKee introduced Ordinance 4873 entitled “ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.”

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 Ahlersmeyer.

City Administrative Engineer Mary Cripe explained the three projects that the General Obligation Bonds were acquired for are:

1. \$500,000 – Violet Road Bank Stabilization along the Elkhart River
2. \$750,000 – Fifth Street Reconstruction from Clinton Street to Rock Run Creek
3. \$750,000 – Intersection Improvement at SR 15 and Kercher Road

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The Council roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4873 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2016.)

**RESOLUTION 2016-29**

Council President McKee introduced Resolution 2016-29 entitled “APPROVE DISPOSAL OF JEFFERSON STREET REAL ESTATE BY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.”

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 Ahlersmeyer.

Mayor Stutsman explained this Resolution would transfer the property to Redevelopment as they have a mechanism to have any tax liens removed and they can look at issues such as the neighborhood other than the highest bidder only when selling the property. Further Redevelopment will refund the demolition costs of the structure back to the City.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution 2016-29 was passed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-30**

Council President McKee introduced Resolution 2016-30 entitled “APPROVE DISPOSAL OF SEVENTH STREET REAL ESTATE BY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.”

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 Councilwoman King.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution 2016-30 was passed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-31**

Council President McKee introduced Resolution 2016-31 entitled “IMPLEMENTATION OF STATEWIDE ODYSSEY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR GOSHEN CITY COURT.”

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 Councilwoman Gautsche.

Mayor Stutsman explained the State is trying to get the Courts to move to this system. Hopefully the City will receive a grant for expenses and if not we may want to re-evaluate.

City Attorney Larry Barks stated the Council needs to approve the Resolution in order to request the grant for funding.

Angie Troyer, Goshen, cautioned the City to do their research on the system as she is aware of some issues the County Courts have faced with the system.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution 2016-31 was passed.

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

After a request by Council President McKee, Mary Cripe explained the Plymouth Avenue project stating it had an original completion date of September but now looking at November.

Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

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

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