

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL (SEPTEMBER 20, 2016)
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 September 20, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Ahlersmeyer moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 2, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche and motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2016-33

Council President McKee introduced Resolution 2016-33 entitled "APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE ROAD 15 AND KERCHER ROAD/COUNTY ROAD 38."

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 was passed earlier in the year but the State did not file their end on time so this needs to be passed again to receive reimbursement. Mayor Stutsman clarified this will be on top of the \$1,000,000 grant the City is receiving. Councilman Scharf questioned if Mary Cripe should be the contact person on the agreement considering she is leaving employment with the City. Attorney Barkes and Mayor Stutsman both stated her name should be left in the agreement as MACOG has stated the City Engineer at the time will be their contact and a replacement has not been hired as of yet.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution 2016-33 was passed.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

LaCasa President Larry Gautsche stated this is in combination with an application to receive funding for the north end of the Hawks Building. This grant is built on a point system and some points are achieved by having local government participation. Their request is having the City find the means to show a 5% participation which would equal \$100,000. Mayor Stutsman stated he views this as the community receiving \$2,000,000 in grant money that will go to local contractors and invested in the community for a \$100,000 cost to the City. LaCasa needs a letter of support and commitment from the Mayor and he did not want to write the letter without support from the Council. After some discussion, the Council voiced their support of the funds.

Mayor Stutsman stated the ‘Model Resolution’ the Council has in front of them is exactly how he received it. There is a group attempting to lobby the State to make redistricting more consistent and to bring together a bipartisan committee to make sure we are using actual population numbers to draw the lines. He supports the idea and is questioning the Council as to if they would support a Resolution like this and stated he has heard of 25 communities passing a similar Resolution. The Council discussed Goshen’s previous redistricting project and the amount of time spent on the process. The Council discussed the Resolution and voiced their support of a similar Resolution.

Councilman Scharf thanked the Clerk-Treasurer’s office and the IT department of the City for the work done in trying to find a way to make all of the City’s Ordinances and Resolutions in a searchable digital format.

Councilwoman Gautsche moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Ahlersmeyer and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor, Jeremy Stutsman
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____
Tina M. Bontrager
City Clerk-Treasurer