



Minutes of the Goshen Common Council Regular Meeting of May 5, 2020

5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

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

Clerk stated that this meeting is being held during a declared public health emergency covering all of the State of Indiana pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-09, as well as guidance from Indiana Public Access Counsellor Luke Britt, then called the roll:

Present electronically:

Megan Eichorn (Dist 4),
Julia King (At-Large),
Jim McKee (Dist 1),
Doug Nisley (Dist 2),
Gilberto Pérez, Jr. (Dist 5),
Matt Schrock (Dist 3),
Youth Advisor Zoe Eichorn (Non-voting)

Present in-person:

Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large)

Minutes of Feb. 4 and Feb. 21 were presented.

King/Perez moved to approve minutes of Feb. 4 and Feb. 21. PASSED 7-0.

Weddell/King moved to approve agenda as presented. PASSED 7-0.

Privilege of the Floor

No one spoke.

Elected Official Reports:

Nisley asked about the status of the COVID-19 funds that the council appropriated. Mayor described some uses of funds to date, including personal protective equipment, signage, and newsletters.



Nisley asked about fiscal impact of shutdown across the state. Mayor replied that is a big concern. Reported that he reached out to BakerTilly. Shared some of the particulars of what he has been learning, including potential budget, tax revenue and cash balance impacts. [Additional discussion on the topic.]

Nisley stated his hope that leftover monies appropriated for virus response would go back to Rainy Day Fund. Mayor stated that is the intent.

King stated she appreciates questions and discussion, which raises the question of when to get strategic planning retreat back on the calendar with appropriate social distancing.

Perez thanked Mayor and city staff who keep services going during this tough time.

Mayor reopened **Privilege of the Floor**

Glenn Null, Goshen, said he was just a cheerleader tonight. Mentioned it would be good for Street Dept. to have the spring cleanup at some point, though it is way down the list.

Mayor thanked Mr. Null for coming, as well as the only other person consistently attending council meetings: John Kline, reporter for the Goshen News.

Resolution 2020-11: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana Authorizing the Filing of an Application for a Community Development Block Grant

Weddell/Perez moved for passage.

Mayor recognized CDBG Administrator Rhonda Yoder, noting that she spends significant time and effort on this program, which will be relieved somewhat by a new staff member to take over CDBG administration duties.

Yoder stated that the plan was presented at last council meeting, public comment period is over, and this resolution authorizes the submission of the plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE to pass Resolution 2020-11: PASSED 7-0

Resolution 2020-12: An Emergency Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Funds

Weddell/Perez moved for passage.

Nisley asked if most of these are reimbursements. Mayor said that one is a transfer for the new (Community Development Specialist) position, one is a grant for Environmental Resilience.



Community Development Director Mark Brinson explained that two of the transfers are federal dollars coming in as reimbursements.

ROLL CALL VOTE to pass Resolution 2020-12: PASSED 7-0

Mayor said safe options for returning to in-person meetings, when appropriate, are being explored.

Eichorn/King moved to adjourn.

VOICE VOTE to adjourn: PASSED 7-0

Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED: _____
Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST: _____
Adam C. Scharf, Goshen City Clerk-Treasurer