

GOSHEN COMMON COUNCIL

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana met in a regular meeting on October 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Court Room/Council Chambers at the Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, IN. Presiding Officer was Mayor Jeremy Stutsman, with members of the Council present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Councilman McKee, Nisley, Orgill, Scharf and Weddell
Councilwoman Gautsche, King
Youth Advisor Eichorn

ABSENT:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Stutsman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Councilman Nisley. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman King.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote, the Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stutsman called for a motion to the minutes from September 17th. Motion was made by Councilman Orgill. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nisley.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote, the minutes were passed as presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Glenn Null – Concerned about signage at the Linway Plaza.

Council President Weddell – Have an appointment that needs to be made to the public library board. The new public library director Ann Margaret Rice has specifically asked for Brad Mossness. This official opens the process to appoint someone and he asked Sharon Hernandez to post on the city website. Also thanked Councilwoman Gautsche for organizing the Maple City Walk.

Mayor Stutsman – invited Mindy Morehead from Interfaith Hospitality Network and Kevin Farmwald from the Goshen City Homeless Coalition to speak about their request for funds from the City of Goshen.

Councilman Nisley – Talks about the camping happening on private property that is on the edge of West Goshen Cemetery.

Councilwoman Gautsche – Asked what the original request was.

Mayor Stutsman – The original request was \$26,000 but with the grant from the Elkhart County Community Foundation the request is now \$18,000 so \$9,000 per year.

Councilman Scharf – Clarifying that the money is coming from the Emergency Relief fund.

Mayor Stutsman – Has not yet identified where the money is coming from but that is one option.

Councilwoman King – Has attended some of these meetings and is impressed with the commitment to this.

Council President Weddell – When we changed the name and some of the wording, can we use the Emergency Relief Fund?

Councilman Scharf – Is there more than 1 tent? The response was yes there are 3. Policy point was made that people can legally live in 3 tents in a cluster on private property but not live in a house together.

Councilwoman King - Agreed with Councilman Scharf's statement

Councilwoman Gautsche – That's not how it was intended, but it is something that we need to look at.

ORDINANCE 5017

Council President Weddell introduced Ordinance 5017 entitled “AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.”

Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only and moved for its passage on second and final reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman King.

Mayor Stutsman comments on the Ordinance starting at 32 minutes and 20 seconds of the audio recording.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5017

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. No Council comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5017

Mayor Stutsman opened public comments. No public comments were made.

By a 7-0 unanimous voice vote, the Ordinance passed on second reading.

(ORDINANCE 5017 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS DAY OCTOBER 1, 2019)

ORDINANCE 5019

Council President Weddell introduced Ordinance 5019 entitled “AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.”

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

Mayor Stutsman comments on the Ordinance starting at 33 minutes and 26 seconds of the audio recording.

Fire Chief Danny Sink comments on the Ordinance starting at 35 minutes and 24 seconds of the audio recording.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5019

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council comments start at 37 minutes and 40 seconds of the audio recording.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5019

Mayor Stutsman opened public comments. No public comments were made.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote, the Ordinance passed on first reading.

Mayor Stutsman asked for a unanimous Council consent to consider the Ordinance for passage during one meeting. As there was no objection, Mayor Stutsman declared that the Ordinance would be heard on a second reading.

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Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Ordinance by title only and moved for its passage on second and final reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Nisley.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5019

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. No Council comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5019

Mayor Stutsman opened public comments. No public comments were made.

By a 7-0 unanimous voice vote, the Ordinance passed on second reading.

(ORDINANCE 5019 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OCTOBER 1, 2019)

RESOLUTION 2019-33

Council President Weddell introduced Resolution 2019-33 entitled "AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS."

Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read the Resolution by title only and moved for its passage. Motion seconded by Councilwoman King.

Mayor Stutsman comments on the Resolution starting at 43 minutes and 55 seconds of the audio recording.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 2019-33

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council comments start at 44 minutes and 08 seconds of the audio recording.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION 2019-33

Mayor Stutsman opened public comments. No public comments were made.

By a 7-0 unanimous voice vote, the Resolution passed.

(RESOLUTION 2019-33 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OCTOBER 1, 2019)

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 5020

Mayor Stutsman opened the public hearing. Public comments start at 45 minutes and 58 seconds of the audio recording.

ORDINANCE 5020

Council President Weddell introduced Ordinance 5020 entitled "ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES (2020 BUDGET)."

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

Mayor Stutsman comments on the Ordinance starting at 49 minutes and 15 seconds of the audio recording.

Dan Hedden from BakerTilly comments on the Ordinance starting at 54 minutes and 30 seconds of the audio recording.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5020

Mayor Stutsman opened Council comments. Council comments start at 1 hour, 13 minutes and 01 seconds of the audio recording.

Mayor Stutsman starts going through the budget department by department starting at 1 hour, 31 minutes and 39 seconds of the audio recording.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5020

Mayor Stutsman opened public comments. No public comments were made

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 5020

Council President Weddell asked former Chamber President David Daugherty to answer a question regarding the \$50,000 proposed budget for the Chamber. His answer starts at 2 hours, 54 minutes and 29 seconds of the audio recording.

AYES: Gautsche, King, McKee, Nisley, Orgill, Weddell

NAYS:

PASSED: Scharf

By a 6-0 vote, the budget passed on first reading. Let the record show that Councilman Scharf passed on his vote.

Second budget reading will be held on Tuesday October 22, 2019.

Councilman Nisley makes a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman King. Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm

APPROVED: _____


Mayor, Jeremy P. Stutsman
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____


Angie McKee
City Clerk-Treasurer