



Minutes of the Goshen Common Council Regular Meeting of December 29, 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

Present: Jim McKee (Dist 1), Doug Nisley (Dist 2), Matt Schrock* (Dist 3),
Megan Eichorn*(Dist 4), Julia King* (At-Large), Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large)

Absent: Gilberto Pérez, Jr. (Dist 5), Youth Advisor Hazany Palomino (Non-voting)

*Present electronically

Clerk-Treasurer Adam Scharf made the following statement: "We begin this meeting during a declared public health emergency covering all of the State of Indiana. Council members Eichorn, King, and Schrock are participating in this meeting by electronic communication pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-04, 20-09, and 20-47, as well as guidance from Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt. Additionally, Mayor Stutsman's Executive Order 2020-16 has directed that public meetings for the City of Goshen, including this one, be conducted with virtual public access and in accordance with the Rules for Virtual Meetings issued by the administration. Council members McKee, Nisley, and Weddell are physically present in council chambers as we begin this meeting."

Minutes of June 16, July 7, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15, 2020 were presented.

**Nisley/King moved to approve the minutes of June 16, July 7, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15, 2020 as presented.
PASSED 6-0**

Weddell/McKee moved to approve the agenda as presented. PASSED 6-0

Privilege of the Floor

McKee noted that money in Rainy Day Fund has not been replaced; said balance had been \$3.6M and now is \$2.1M. Commented that either Rainy Day Fund either should be replenished or else it should be eliminated.

McKee thanked Director of Public Works Dustin Sailor for completion of East Goshen Water Main Project. Mayor and Schrock affirmed.



Elected Official Reports

Mayor responded to Rainy Day Fund comments, noted some recent uses and said he is happy with \$2M-\$3M balance; would want to keep at least some in the fund. McKee said \$500k would make him happy; Mayor said we could definitely do that.

Resolution 2020-27: Transfer of Appropriations

Weddell/McKee moved for passage of Resolution 2020-27.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jeffery Weaver provided summary of the action, then commented on particular line items from the resolution; noted that all departments were under budget and praised departmental fiscal management.

Mayor commented on expenditures coming in well under budget this year due to holding back on numerous items due to COVID-19.

Voice Vote to pass Resolution 2020-27: PASSED 6-0

Mayor stated that State Senator Blake Doriot wanted to speak during Privilege of the Floor, which has passed on the agenda. Mayor asked for council approval to reopen Privilege of the Floor to allow him to address the council.

Mayor reopened Privilege of the Floor

Sen. Doriot shared that he had visited Lori Arnold, showed her the right-of-way line, and gotten her to move her signs behind the right-of-way line.

Mayor thanked Sen. Doriot and noted that he, police chiefs, and other City staff have spoken with Ms. Arnold numerous times.

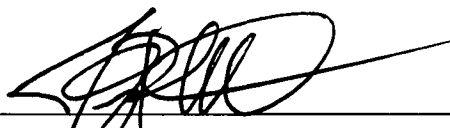
City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann stated that a complaint has been filed against Ms. Arnold and she has been served notice.

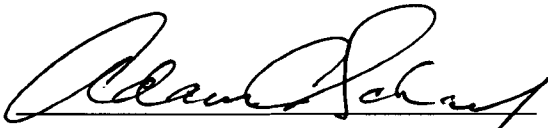
Mayor said there are many online comments about this situation; clarified that it is not about who Ms. Arnold is supporting, only uniform application of sign ordinance.

King/Eichorn moved to adjourn. PASSED 6-0

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 p.m.



APPROVED: 
Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

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