



Agenda for the Goshen Common Council

6:00 p.m., October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting

Council Chamber, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, IN

Call to Order by Mayor Gina Leichty

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Linda Gerber (At-Large) **Phil Lederach** (District 5) **Doug Nisley** (District 2)
Megan Peel (District 4) **Donald Riegsecker** (District 1) **Matt Schrock** (District 3)
Council President Brett Weddell (At-Large) **Youth Adviser Abril Reyes** (Non-voting)

Approval of Minutes: Unavailable

Approval of Meeting Agenda

1) Presentation: Employee recognition to Police Officer

2) Public Hearing for Ordinance 5233, An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (*Second Reading for the proposed 2026 Goshen Public Library budget*)

2A – Budget memo from Goshen Public Library Director

2B – Ordinance 5233, An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (Library)

2C – Budget estimate (Library, Budget Form 1)

Privilege of the Floor

Elected Official Reports

Adjournment



T (574) 533-9531
F (574) 537-1711

601 S Fifth St,
Goshen, IN 46526

TO: Goshen Common Council

FROM: Ann-Margaret Rice, Director of Goshen Public Library

DATE: September 22, 20025

RE: Public Hearing and Adoption for Goshen Public Library 2026 Budget

As required by the State of Indiana, the fiscal body for the Goshen Public Library under certain conditions is the Goshen Common Council.

Indiana Code 6-1.1-17-20.3 identifies the conditions that trigger a binding budget review process for public library budget approval as summarized below:

(1) The governing body of the library is not comprised of a majority of officials who are elected to serve on the governing body (the governing body of a public library is comprised of appointees made by elected officials); and

(2) has a percentage increase in the proposed budget for the taxing unit for the ensuing calendar year that is more than the result of:

(A) the maximum levy growth quotient determined under IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for the ensuing calendar year, rounded to the nearest thousandth (0.001); minus

(B) one (1).

For the 2026 budget year, Goshen Public Library's proposed budget exceeds the maximum levy plus 1 as a result of the bonds we issued in 2024 (that were approved by the Common Council in 2024). As the identified fiscal body for the Goshen Public Library, the Common Council is tasked with advertising, reviewing, opening and closing one public hearing, and approving the library's budget for 2026.

Following protocol, with the assistance of Baker Tilly, and for the convenience of the Council, the Library has prepared and submitted their 2026 budget on the Indiana Gateway. The Council's role is to complete the submission, review, and approval process. Upon completion of the process, the Library will resume responsibility for its budget and financial affairs.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

State Form 55865 (7-15)
Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

Budget Form No. 4
Generated 8/20/2025 12:03:51 PM

Ordinance / Resolution Number: **5233**

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Goshen City Council** that for the expenses of **GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY** for the year ending December 31, **2026** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Goshen City Council**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Goshen City Council	Common Council and Mayor	10/27/2025

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0061	RAINY DAY	\$324,695	\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$3,316,319	\$2,295,024	0.1351
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$957,500	\$957,500	0.0564
2011	LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$428,002	\$0	0.0000
		\$5,026,516	\$3,252,524	0.1915

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

State Form 55865 (7-15)
Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

Budget Form No. 4
Generated 8/20/2025 12:03:51 PM

Name		Signature
Brett Weddell	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Linda Gerber	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Don Riegsecker	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Doug Nisley	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Matt Schrock	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Megan Peel	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Phil Lederach	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	

ATTEST

Name	Title	Signature

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to issue debt after December 1 and before January 1

Yes ☐ No ☒

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31

Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Form 1 - Budget Estimate

Year: 2026 County: Elkhart Unit: Goshen Public Library

Fund	Department	Category	Sub-Category	Line Item Code	Line Item	Published	Adopted
0061 - RAINY DAY	NO DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	Other Capital Outlays	201.70.3520	Rainy Day - Improvements	\$324,695	\$324,695
0061 - RAINY DAY	NO DEPARTMENT	PROPERTY TAX CAP	Property Tax Cap Impact		Property Tax Cap Impact	\$0	\$0
0061 - RAINY DAY Total						\$324,695	\$324,695
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Salaries and Wages		Salary of Assistants	\$1,394,495	\$1,394,495
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Salaries and Wages		Salary of Librarian	\$89,854	\$89,854
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Salaries and Wages		Wages of Janitors	\$50,835	\$50,835
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Employee Benefits		Employer's Contribution-Group Insurance	\$39,740	\$39,740
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Employee Benefits		Employer's Contribution-Retirement	\$174,329	\$174,329
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Employee Benefits		Employer's Share-FICA	\$117,934	\$117,934
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PERSONAL SERVICES	Employee Benefits		Full Time Pay Supplement	\$176,978	\$176,978
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIES	Office Supplies		Office Supplies	\$16,596	\$16,596
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIES	Repair and Maintenance Supplies		Janitor Supplies	\$17,555	\$17,555
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIES	Other Supplies		Library Supplies	\$48,526	\$48,526
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Professional Services		Other Professional Services	\$192,323	\$192,323
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Communication and Transportation		Postage	\$5,931	\$5,931
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Communication and Transportation		Professional Meetings	\$12,496	\$12,496
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Communication and Transportation		Telephone and Internet	\$11,121	\$11,121
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Communication and Transportation		Traveling Expense	\$1,779	\$1,779
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Printing and Advertising		Advertising and Publication of Notices	\$1,485	\$1,485
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Insurance		Other Insurance	\$60,501	\$60,501
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Utility Services		Gas	\$142,339	\$142,339
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Utility Services		Waste Disposal Services	\$7,259	\$7,259
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Utility Services		Water	\$8,339	\$8,339
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Repairs and Maintenance		Buildings and Structures	\$45,818	\$45,818
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Repairs and Maintenance		Equipment	\$48,048	\$48,048
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Rentals		Equipment	\$8,509	\$8,509
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Other Services and Charges		Dues	\$2,966	\$2,966
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	SERVICES AND CHARGES	Other Services and Charges		Transfer to LIRF	\$208,000	\$208,000
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	Machinery, Equipment, and Vehicles		Furniture & Equipment	\$11,132	\$11,132
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	Books and Other Media		Books	\$145,946	\$145,946
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	Books and Other Media		Nonprinted Materials	\$190,876	\$190,876
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	Books and Other Media		Periodicals	\$84,609	\$84,609
0101 - GENERAL	NO DEPARTMENT	PROPERTY TAX CAP	Property Tax Cap Impact		Property Tax Cap Impact	\$0	\$0
0101 - GENERAL Total						\$3,316,319	\$3,316,319
0180 - DEBT SERVICE	NO DEPARTMENT	DEBT SERVICE	Payments on Bonds and Other Debt Principal		Bond Principal	\$810,000	\$810,000
0180 - DEBT SERVICE	NO DEPARTMENT	DEBT SERVICE	Payments on Bonds and Other Debt Interest		Bond Interest	\$147,500	\$147,500
0180 - DEBT SERVICE Total						\$957,500	\$957,500
2011 - LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	NO DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	Other Capital Outlays	400.70.7560	LIRF - Improvements	\$428,002	\$428,002

2011 - LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	NO DEPARTMENT	PROPERTY TAX CAP	Property Tax Cap Impact		Property Tax Cap Impact	\$0	\$0
2011 - LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE Total						\$428,002	\$428,002
UNIT TOTAL						\$5,026,516	\$5,026,516

8/11/2025 3:54:24 PM

Page 1