

CITY OF GOSHEN CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 20, 2017

The meeting of the City of Goshen Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bobby Thacker at the North Oldham Fire Department, Goshen Station, 1660 South Highway 1793, with the following members present:

Bobby Thacker	Mayor	1014 Rollingwood Lane
Robert Hammon	Commissioner	1007 Rollingwood Lane
Doug Morales	Commissioner	1014 Club Drive
Bill Rolfes	Commissioner	1042 Rollingwood Lane
Al Nesteruk	Commissioner	1125 Hollendale Way

Mayor Bobby Thacker welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Thacker stated the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited at all Commission meetings from now until the end of his term.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Commissioner Robert Hammon motioned to approve the December 19, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Bill Rolfes seconded the motion. All voted aye. Hammon motioned to approve the January 16, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Doug Morales seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Public Safety – Bobby Thacker

Thacker stated there were reports of seven unlocked cars having items stolen.

Budget and Finance – Bob Hammon

Commissioner Nesteruk questioned what line item the expenses regarding the tree trimming and chipping services came out of. The clerk explained the expenses are under line item 5160 and that the \$11,865.40 spent for the fiscal year includes the tree trimming, chipping service and other items such as mailboxes. The clerk stated she didn't have a breakdown with her of exact amounts for each item. Hammon motioned to approve the December 2016 financials, Rolfes seconded the motion. Morales asked if a more detailed account of monthly expenses could be provided in the future. Renee Major, city accountant, stated a copy of the general ledger could be included in the Commissioners packets. All voted aye to approve the December 2016 financials.

Hammon motioned to approve the January 2017 financials, Rolfes seconded the motion. All voted aye to approve the January 2017 financials. Hammon reported insurance surcharge revenues are down somewhat for the year. Major stated the city budgeted \$190,000 in insurance surcharge revenue so at this midpoint \$95,000 was expected but the city has received approximately \$76,000. Major explained it is possible the next two quarters could come in higher but there is no way to tell for sure. The Commission discussed how much the city should keep in reserve funds. Major stated she believes the city has sufficient funds in reserve but that the city does need to be conservative with spending. Morphew stated the city has a carry over of \$7800 in Municipal Road Aid Funds from the last two years and the city will have excess Road Aid Funds this year. She suggested that those funds be put in to separate bank account at the end of the fiscal year. Thacker stated the Commission should consider this at the budget planning meeting for fiscal year 2017/2018. The annual budget meeting was scheduled for April 18th at 6 pm.

Drainage – Bob Hammon

No report.

Ordinance Enforcement – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes reported numerous violation notices were sent regarding trash cans left at the curb more than 24 hours after pickup. Two notices are being sent this week for debris on properties.

Rolfes asked that welcome packets be sent to new homeowners and for it to include information on the Code of Ordinances.

Rolfes stated the city needs to adopt a new ordinance to be in compliance with House Bill 422 regarding Code Enforcement Boards. The clerk was instructed to have the attorney prepare the ordinance for a first reading at the March Commission meeting.

Thacker motioned to appoint Bill Rolfes as a Code Enforcement Officer. Hammon seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Beautification – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes stated the banners will be changed this week.

Playground – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes stated the city received notification from the city attorney that there is no need to annex in the park property. Rolfes presented a flyer he would like to mail to all residents asking for volunteers for a park committee. The clerk will have flyer printed and mailed.

Newsletter – Al Nesteruk

Website - Al Nesteruk

Nesteruk stated he spent a lot of time researching website designers and he has picked a woman from Crestwood whom has been in business for 25 years. He stated she would work with the current website and charge a onetime fee of \$1085 to transfer the current information over to a new site, \$233.28 for WordPress with Site Lock, \$360.00 annual email list management, and \$360.00 annual routine monthly updates. The first year total would be \$2038.28. The Commission discussed the proposal but no decision was made to move forward with it as the city website already has several items listed in the proposal. Thacker is going to send Nesteruk contact information for the current host as they will provide free training.

Architectural Control – Doug Morales

Morales stated he would like to see the plans for the new home at 1014 Harmony Landing Road.

Street and Public Works – Doug Morales

Morales reported the sewer department has dug up a section of road in front of 1014 Harmony Landing to make repairs. Morales reported the pipe going under the driveway at 1012 Harmony Landing has been crushed. Morales stated the city needs to get in touch with the sewer department to find out when they are going to make repairs.

Morales stated he had Strand Engineering come out and take a look at the streets today. Strand gave a quote of \$12,000 to do an evaluation of the streets and quote of \$1900 to drill the first pothole to check the subsurface and \$250 for each additional hole. Morales said he will also be getting a quote from Summit. Morales stated there is alligating on several streets and the curve on Club near Springmeadow is deteriorated and may need a curb put in.

Sanitation – Bobby Thacker