

CITY OF GOSHEN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2018

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
Bill Rolfes	Commissioner	1042 Rollingwood Lane
Doug Morales	Commissioner	1014 Club Drive
Bob Hammon	Commissioner	1007 Rollingwood Lane

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Commissioner Morales motioned to approve the May 21, 2018 regular meeting minutes; Commissioner Hammon seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Announcement

Thacker announced Commissioner Nesteruk tendered his resignation letter to the city clerk this morning. Thacker motioned to accept Al Nesteruk's resignation. Rolfes seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Public Safety – Bobby Thacker

Thacker reported there have been a couple of minor vandalism issues. Thacker stated he posted a reminder to residents if you see something suspicious to report it to police.

Budget and Finance – Bob Hammon

Hammon stated he reviewed the May financials and everything is in good shape for this year. Thacker motioned to approve the May 2018 financials. Hammon seconded the motion. All voted aye to approve the May financials.

Drainage – Bob Hammon

No report.

Ordinance Enforcement – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes reported a code board hearing was held regarding a citation for yard parking on Forest Lane. Rolfes stated the code board waived the fine because it was a contractor's vehicle. Rolfes stated citations have also been sent on a home with a damaged roof and general state of disrepair and numerous citations have been sent to a homeowner that has a pig on their property.

Beautification – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes reported the backflow preventer has been repaired and shrubs have been trimmed.

Playground – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes stated the part to repair the Jenn Swing has been received and should be installed within the week.

Rolfes stated he would like the mowing company to mow the new park property weekly instead of bi-weekly.

Newsletter – Bobby Thacker

Thacker stated a newsletter will go out within the next month.

Website – Bobby Thacker

Thacker reported a link to the new rental license ordinance has been added to the homepage of the website and the budget and tax ordinances will be added if or when they are approved. Morales stated the architectural control form on the website has reverted back to an older version. Thacker said he will get it corrected.

Architectural Control – Doug Morales

Morales reported he met with the builder, homeowner and adjacent homeowners of 1005 Rollingwood last week to discuss issues revolving around large retaining walls that have been built without a city permit. Morales stated they agreed to brick the retaining walls and to lower the walls on the left side of the property. Morales stated there was also discussion of the builder installing one or two speed humps in the street after completion of the home. Thacker stated he has concerns with installing speed humps near the hill as a driver could lose control if they speed over the hill and hit the speed hump and also thinks there would be issues with snow removal. Thacker stated he has a problem with not having any of the agreed stipulations being in writing. Hammon stated he is in favor of speed humps being installed on both sides of the hill. Hammon motioned to have the builder install two speed humps on Rollingwood Lane after building completion at 1005 Rollingwood Lane. Morales seconded the motion. Gary Smith, a resident on Rollingwood stated he was not crazy about having speed humps added, he thinks they will cause problems when the road is slick. Rolfes stated he thinks rumble strips and a mirror would be a better solution. Thacker stated he believes speed humps on this hill could lead to accidents. Hammon moved to amend his original motion to install a rumble strip at the top of the hill instead of speed humps. Morales seconded the motion. All voted aye on the amended motion. Morales motioned to grant a variance allowing the retaining walls at 1005 Rollingwood Lane to remain upon completion of an architectural control form and a signed letter from the builder, property owner and adjoining neighbors. Rolfes seconded the motion. Thacker, Rolfes and Morales voted aye. Hammon abstained.

Morales reported he approved a privacy fence at 1028 Harmony Landing Road.

Street and Public Works – Doug Morales

No report.

Sanitation – Bobby Thacker

Thacker stated he and the city clerk had a meeting with Republic Services regarding recycling services. Thacker stated the recycling industry is in a mess since China has stopped taking recycling from the United States as they accounted for 40% of recycled materials. Thacker stated Republic has supplied him with some public service messages to share on the city email list and Facebook. Thacker informed the Commission Republic Services requested a rate increase on recycling which Thacker stated he declined as the city is currently under a contract through June 30, 2019. Thacker stated the city is currently paying \$3.95 a month per household x 312 households which totals \$14,788 per year for recycling and estimates are that about 60% of residents participate. Thacker suggested keeping recycling as it is at this time but the city will have to review options when it is time to bid out the sanitation contract next year.

Administrative Issues – Bobby Thacker

Thacker reported upon reviewing invoices for payment he noticed the maintenance contractor had billed 3 hours for irrigation mapping and he would like the commissions input on whether to pay this invoice as the city didn't request this. Rolfes stated while he appreciates the thoroughness we didn't a map of the irrigation system. The maintenance contractor stated the intent of the diagram was if the city ever wants to update the system they will know where the sprinkler heads are. Hammon stated that while it maybe a little out of scope of work he motions to approve the charge of \$66. Morales seconded the motion. Hammon, Morales and Rolfes voted aye, Thacker voted no. Motion carries; the clerk was instructed to pay the invoice.

New Business

Thacker gave second reading of Ordinance 2, Series 2018, an ordinance providing for the assessment of all real property and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes. Morales motioned to pass Ordinance 2, 2018. Rolfes seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Thacker gave the second reading of Ordinance 3, Series 2018, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. Morales motioned to adopt Ordinance 3, Series 2018. Hammon seconded the motion. All voted aye to adopt the annual budget.

Thacker gave first reading of Ordinance 4, Series 2018, an ordinance describing departments for commissioners and mayor.

Thacker stated a vacancy now exists on the commission and will need to be filled within the next 30 days. Thacker stated he would like to put Jeff Mangan's name up for consideration as he has over a decade of experience on the commission. The commission agreed to post the opening to see if anyone else is interested.

Rolfes stated he has been looking at different ways to save the city money and one of the things he has come up with is paying off the loan the city has on the land on Springmeadow Lane. Rolfes stated the savings account currently generates .4% in interest but the city is paying 3.4% on the loan. Rolfes estimates the city would still have over \$136,000 after the land is paid off. Rolfes motioned to amend the budget to pay off the remaining park loan. Thacker seconded the motion. Discussion of options followed with Thacker motioning to table until next month. Hammon seconded the motion. Thacker, Morales and Hammon voted aye. Rolfes voted no.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

Gary Smith, 1022 Rollingwood Lane made public comment.

Rolfes motioned to adjourn, Hammon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joyce Morphew
Clerk/ Treasurer
7/16/2018

Bobby Thacker
Mayor

