

CITY OF GOSHEN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2020

The meeting of the City of Goshen Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bobby Thacker via Zoom and Facebook Live, with the following members present:

Bobby Thacker	Mayor	1014 Rollingwood Lane
Bill Rolfes	Commissioner	1042 Rollingwood Lane
Doug Morales	Commissioner	1014 Club Drive
Todd Hall	Commissioner	1111 Crestview Way
Bob Dearmond	Commissioner	1206 Meadowridge Trail

Minutes

Commissioner Rolfes motioned to approve the June 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes; Commissioner Morales seconded the motion. Rolfes, Hall, Dearmond, Thacker and Morales voted aye.

Pat Dour, ATT, informed the commission ATT is in the process of building a new fiber optic network and City of Goshen is one of the first neighborhoods to be completed. Pat stated the new fiber is about a 50/50 split in Goshen on buried and aerial. Existing customers would be able to keep the service they have but new customers would have to go with fiber. Commissioner Dearmond stated he has been trying to get ATT to repair and maintain the current posts/ stubs that are currently in yards for the last year. Dearmond stated he would want a date of when the stubs would be removed. Pat said he cannot give a hardline date of when they could be removed because they must stay until everyone has switched over to fiber. Rolfes questioned if they would need to cut streets, Dour said they would not open cut driveways or roads. They will bore underneath. Thacker asked what kind of bandwidth. Dour stated it be 1000 megabits. 940 up and 940 down. Thacker stated the city will require an agreement that ATT will repair anything they disturb or damage. Resident, Gary Smith asked what the cost would be. Pat stated the first year would be \$50 per month and then \$70 per month. Pat estimates construction could possibly start before the end of the year.

Budget and Finance – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes stated June financials are not complete yet as revenues are still coming in for the last quarter.

Newsletter – Bill Rolfes

Rolfes stated he sent a newsletter out last week.

Special Events – Bill Rolfes

No report.

Drainage- Todd Hall

Hall reported the drainage project at 1011 Rollingwood is ready to go. Hall stated a drainage pipe coming out of a headwall at 12005 Springmeadow has separated and needs to be replaced. The bid to repair is \$4918. Hall stated a 4x4 concrete slab was previously placed in the easement at 1124 Hollendale and water has undermined and moved the slab. Hall stated the repair would be to place a curtain wall and move the concrete slab back. The cost of this repair is \$1820. Hall motioned to approve the bids from Risinger of \$4918 and \$1820 for drainage repairs at 12005 Springmeadow and 1124 Hollendale Way. Morales seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Hall stated he has meet with Risinger at 1025 Harmony Landing Rd regarding water pooling in the yard. Hall stated it is possible the problem is coming from a neighbor, but he needs to research some more.

Thacker stated there was a comment on the Facebook feed regarding drainage issues on Hillside. Hall will contact the homeowner.

Stormwater Mitigation – Todd Hall

Hall stated the storm water fee was included on property tax bills.

Beautification – Bob Dearmond

Dearmond reported the electric work and irrigation repairs at the entrances has been completed.

Playground – Bob Dearmond

Dearmond stated the playground reopened in early July and mulch has been added.

Morales stated he thinks the city should reclose the playground because of rising Covid numbers and the Governor has issued new orders today of no more than groups of 10. Thacker stated the city has placed hand sanitizers at the playground and rarely are there more than 10 people there at one time. Hall recommended installing some signs to remind everyone to social distance. No motion was made.

Website- Todd Hall

Hall stated he added the meeting agenda to the website.

Architectural Control – Doug Morales

Morales reported permits were issued for a shed at 1001 Forest Lane and a fence at 1010 Harmony Lane. Morales stated he informed the owner of 1026 Rollingwood they do not need a permit to replace their current fence in kind. Thacker stated the fence at 1010 Harmony Lane is in violation of city ordnances because the finished side of the fence is facing in and the fence extends beyond the front corner of the house. Thacker stated the city made another homeowner two houses away correct their fence when they built with the finished side facing in. Thacker stated the commission has not been presented with a request for any type of variance. Thacker stated it is not right to enforce an ordinance on one and not another.

Street and Public Works – Doug Morales

Morales reported a storm damaged tree was removed on Club Drive. Mailbox painting is underway. Harmony Landing Rd, 1200 block of Meadowridge Trail and 1200 block of Hollendale are complete.

Ordinance Enforcement – Bobby Thacker

Sanitation –Bobby Thacker

No report.

Public Safety – Bobby Thacker

Thacker reported there were numerous car break ins recently, most were unlocked and none within the City of Goshen.

Administrative Issues – Bobby Thacker

No report

Old Business

None

New Business

Dearmond stated he has a few people willing to be on a park committee. Morales stated he thinks discussion of any improvements to the new park need to be tabled for a few months because people will not want to meet in person due to the virus. Dearmond stated there is no way of knowing how long the virus maybe around and the committee could meet via Zoom. Thacker stated he would like to move forward. The city commission has been meeting via Zoom for several months without issue and the park committee could do the same. Thacker stated he is not talking about building a circus, just a pavilion with tables, some benches and getting electric run. This would preserve the land and deter future commissions from selling off the land to developers, which would cause many drainage, water run off issues to surrounding neighbors.

Thacker stated the city is eligible for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses through the CARES act. Thacker read a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute any documents deemed necessary by DLG to reimburse the city and authorizing the Mayor to act as the authorized correspondent for reimbursement. Morales motioned to adopt; Roles seconded the motion; all voted aye. Thacker stated the county has requested the city enter an agreement to allocate some of the city’s funds to the county. The county is also receiving funds through the CARES Act. Thacker reported the funds can be used for a wide variety of things including police patrols. Morales suggested the city not make any decision to give any money to the county until the city can determine what expenses we will have. No motion was made to enter an agreement with the county.

The clerk reported more mailbox posts need to be ordered.

Public Comment

Gary Smith and Dick Scanlon gave public comment.

Morales motioned to adjourn; Hall seconded the motion. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joyce Morphew
Clerk/ Treasurer
7/20/2020

Bobby Thacker
Mayor