

MINUTES
Goshen Parks and Recreation
July 24, 2024 at 6:00PM
Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street

Call to Order: Danielle Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Roll Call: Danielle Edwards, Caleb LeBow, Kyle McGurk and Mike Nimmo were present.

Approval of Agenda: Danielle added, Rosie: Sign for the for the North Park entrance. Under New Business as Item A. and moving everything else down. Caleb LeBow motion to approve change. Seconded by Mike Nimmo. All in Favor? Yay. (4). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2024 minutes. Kyle McGurk motioned to approve minutes with edits. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. All in favor? Yay (4). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. ARDOT Update:** Danielle: I was at the City Hall on Friday, and I know that Lacie had emailed Ashley, which is our point of reference for ARDOT, and she had not heard back on that. We're still waiting for the environmental clearance from ARDOT. Mayor: I know that she sent another email follow-up yesterday, but I don't think she's heard anything since then from Ashley. Danielle: Is there anything else on the ARDOT update? Caleb: We have plans for Crafton Tull, right? Danielle: Yes.
- B. HUD Grant Update:** Danielle: At the City Council meeting, they went with Tomlinson Asphalt, they had a few questions, those were answered. The contract was passed by the mayor and approved. Construction should start between August 10th and the 15th. Mayor: We must have a resolution to accept the contract, so we accepted the bid, and then the next step is to accept the contract, which Brian and I reviewed the contract. I sent Luke an email today, for the engineered drawings of everything, to go with the contract. Just so you guys know, the contract is 163 pages. There's a lot of detail in it. We've highlighted and redlined everything that we had concerns about, and so Brian and I approved everything for that. Mike: On one of the documents that I was reading, it said that the specs were called for concrete for the parking area over on the north side. And Tomlinson Asphalt, just does asphalt, right? Are they going to do concrete? Mayor: They'll do whatever's in the contract. Mike: Okay. I was under the impression that they just did asphalt. So, I want to clarify for the record that we are doing concrete. Kyle: So, is there hesitation on the City's behalf for releasing those bids before they were accepted? In terms of, could we review those bids prior? Mayor: No, so the process for any city is you have an opening of the bids. So, any of the bids that occurred at the council meeting, that you have that. It's delegated in our ordinances when we open those, and that's always to be open at the city council meeting. Those were open at city council meeting, they were read at city council meeting, and the council was the one that accepted. I mean, I accepted also, but it was the council that accepted Thomlinson because it was the lowest bid we've done business with them. So that was the bid that was accepted. Now all those bids do go into a bid file. Those are available If you want to review the different bids that came in. And, we had five different bids submitted. And we had the breakdowns based on the drawings

that were sent to them from Crafton and Tull. And then what happens is whatever bid is accepted by the council, we must review the contract. I sign for the city, into the contract once a resolution is adopted at the next meeting to accept the contract with the lowest, or whoever won the bid. So that's the process. So, we can't proceed with construction until after we accept that by resolution. Kyle: But the bids as it stands are public knowledge? Mayor: Yes. Kyle: Is there a reason why we can't be provided in a digital format tabulated, so we can review them? Mayor: Well, we don't have the staff right now because KaSeana's out. Those usually don't get scanned. Those usually are just put in an actual hard copy file. So, they can be scanned when we can get them. It's just a matter of staffing right now. Kyle: Well, I would like to personally review those proposals. The bid spread was wide. And not that I don't trust the winning bid decision of the council, but the decision to accept the bid was made without reviewing the proposals in detail. And as an advisory board to the council, I feel just in the effort of doing due diligence, we should have the opportunity to look at them prior to the next meeting. Mayor: So that's not part of this body's scope. Kyle: It's a project in the park. Mayor: It is a project in the park. But yours is to recommend things to the council. The bid proposals are the way that they're always done is they're brought to the council, and the council makes the decision. It's not that another body needs to review those before the council sees those. Those are opened at the council meeting, and the council reviews them at the meeting, and then they decide on who they want to accept for the bid. Linda: They're not allowed to be opened. Mayor: They're not, and they're not allowed to be reviewed by other people, and then recommended. Kyle: But they have been opened, right? Mayor: No, they get opened at the meeting. Kyle: I was at that meeting, but they've been opened. Well, yeah, they have, but that's not going to change. In other words, you can review them, but the councils already decided. We've already gone with that company, and we've already said, yes, we want to allocate the funds to hire you to do the project. Now we need the contract. So, the contract comes back to the council. Kyle: I don't disagree with that, but is there still the responsibility to review the underlying facts of the proposal? Jerry: After reviewing the Ordinance for that, what Kyle is trying to get to is there some type of oversight? And as a committee, that's not what power you have. That oversight is the city council's job once those bids are opened. Mayor: The City Council and the City Administration. Jerry: Your committee advise and recommendations and review. If the Council were to open an oversight or review or go back, they can do that. This committee does not have that power. And that's not my opinion. That is stated in the ordinance of what the powers of this committee are. So, you can review those things, go in, and look at them, but there is no oversight. Linda: I think what could be beneficial in the future, like we put that ad in the newspaper, and it must be so detailed that you get a correct bid. And at that point, that's when recommendations could be made when it's going in the newspaper, because that's what they're giving their bid based off. Mayor: But that's all done the engineering firm. So, one of the things that we enter a contract with, we enter a contract with the engineering firm that we compel to go out and seek these bids. So, the engineering firm that we contracted with was Crafton and Tull. And Crafton prepares that information so that when it goes out to bid, all those details are there so that we can get an accurate bid submittal so that the bids are comparable. So, they know what the recommendations are and what the requirements are for completion of the project. So, you are right. It is very specific and must be very specific. Linda: So, the bidding's fair. And then doesn't the city just go with the least expensive bid? Mayor: We don't always, but typically we do. But if, like, let's say we got a bid that was cheaper than everybody else and was way less than everybody else and we didn't know the company, or maybe that we know that that company's had difficulty with completing projects, then we may choose a bid that might be a little bit higher with a company we're very familiar with. You don't

have to go with the lowest bid. We typically try to. In this scenario, Tomlinson was the lowest bid, and we've done multiple projects with it. We've had great success with Tomlinson. Kyle: So just to summarize, two years ago we made the recommendation to move forward with this project. The grant was applied for. From that point forward, the Parks Commission has no oversight into the project outcome. Mayor: So, I'm not sure I understand. Kyle: So, from now forward, the Parks Commission does not have to answer to anyone regarding the outcome of the project. So, if the budget goes over by \$200,000 because somebody—Mayor: That's not your caveat. So, it's not part of the Parks Commission's responsibility. Kyle: So, when that happens, the council's not going to come to us and ask for counsel? Mayor: No, that's a contract. All contract negotiation must be done through city council and myself as the mayor, as the signatory for the city, and the organization that's being contracted. Kyle: I'm not saying we're getting involved in contract negotiation. I'm saying we're getting involved in the review of projects that are occurring in the parks. Mayor: You have review of projects that you want to propose for the council to recommend for the council to either want to proceed with it or not want to proceed with it. Kyle: And then from that point forward, city staff can run with it however they want. Mayor: Well, don't run with it however they want. We run with it the way that it was designed. Kyle: But then when it goes to the council, they're going to ask, has this gone through the Parks Commission? Mayor: It did initially, and all that stuff goes through before we ever get to the point of submitting for bids. So, nothing's going to go out for a bid that hasn't gone through the Parks Commission. This project changed, and all those changes went through before we ever got to the point of submitting it to the Council. So, the Council must approve anything that's going to go out for a bid. And then at that point, you're right, at that point, everything's there. If there are substantive changes that occur, those change requests must come to me. And if it was a substantial change, then at that point, I would be obligated to take it to the Council and say, look, this is a substantive change compared to what we had in our original design application.

- C. Placemaker Grant:** Mayor, the placemaker Grant, I'm not even sure who exactly brought it forward, Caleb brought it forward, but thank you for doing it. One of those time-sensitive things. Thank you, Abby, for getting it done. Danielle: We had like a month by the time we heard about it to get it out. And it did. We got it. Mayor: So, we got it put in. And that was you guys, the commission. That was the Walton Family foundation. And so, you guys, as a commission, said this is what we want. We want shade, we want a trail over to the south entrance. We submitted it, and we'll wait and see if we get it. But again, we didn't know about it. Dream big and then see what happens. Danielle: So, the placemaker grant was sent in. Are we all good on that? Mayor: When did we hear the results on the placemaker grant? Abby: So, there's two. There is the first submission, and then our application will go into review, and then there is a second cycle of applications that will need to be submitted as well. Mike: It's a long process. Did they send consultants in? Abby: Yes, exactly. This was something that there wasn't a budget that was required for this application. This was, they want our idea that we have lined up for it, and they're going to budget it, they're going to make it happen, they're doing all the work for it. Danielle: It says mid-August grantee selection notification sent. Abby: So mid-August would be when we find out about it, but we haven't found out, we haven't made it through that first submission process. We should hear back on it; I think it's mid-July. Danielle: July 2nd is the invitations, July 22nd round two invitations sent, and then August 9th round two applications due. Abby: So, it's a little bit more of a process. Mike: So, we haven't heard anything yet. And today's the 23rd. Danielle: But didn't they extend the deadline? Mayor: They did, they extended it by a week, so this is extended by a week as well. Kyle: So, as I understand

the application, it's still open-ended, but effectively it was a subset of the state park grant we applied to last year, right? Because we had the connectivity, the sports court, and the shade included in that, is that correct? Mayor: That was a different grant, it was meant for our state park grant, for the shade structure at the ball court. Abby: We didn't get it; they didn't consider it to be a destination. Mayor: I know why we didn't get that. What you're saying was, it's an extension of that, not really. Kyle: No, I'm saying it's a subset of what was applied for that funding. Mayor: I think, that funding was the shade. Because I don't think that it connected to anything on the Arkansas State Park grant. Kyle: But the grant application showed our connectivity to the additional parcel that was acquired, because that was part of the grant. Mayor: I'd have to look; it might have been. Kyle: Mary, do you recall? Mary: I thought it was the shade structure, Swing set and the ball court. Yeah. And there was some connectivity, I thought. Mayor: The only thing I think for connectivity, what you're referring to, is that for that grant, they wanted to know how we would be connected to Mill Branch. The connectivity was not for a project to connect us. It was to show that we have connectivity, meaning that you can walk up there and cross the road. But it wasn't for paving a six-foot path up there to cross the road. It was just to show, this is how you get to Mill Branch from this area. Kyle: And that was a perfect item on the application, was connectivity.

D. Survey and Outreach to Public: Danielle, so far, we have had 62 responses. Mayor: Ninety-one now. Danielle: That's great. Mayor: That was as of about 3 p.m. today. Ninety-one responses. Danielle: I think we're going to keep that open until the 8th and try to get as many responses as we can. That information can be used. I know that on Friday, 62% of that were Goshen residents. So, that's nice to know that most of them are in the city and have their input on it. Mike: So, are we still talking about going out and doing some public outreach to various groups around here? Danielle: We need to discuss that. Mike: We're waiting until we've got those surveys completed before we decide to reach out to some of these groups. Danielle: We pushed it out early because of the Farmers Market. We thought that it was going to be, way to reach more people. I think that if we don't get a good turnout through what we have, yes, we can go out and reach out. But are these people voting already? I'm not sure. What do you guys think? There's no name, so we don't know. We don't know who's voting. Caleb: In the electronic age, I feel like more people will give their honest opinion. Mayor: There been very honest responses. Mike: So, I think that's one of the things that was positive about the presence at the Farms Market is that there were a lot of families out there. We saw a lot of people who were at the tent, that had little kids with them, I think it was successful. Danielle: I did too.

E. 2025 Arkansas Outdoor Grant: Danielle, this is the one that we need a project for. We are asking for money, but we don't have a specific plan for that money. This is due on the 28th of August. I know we've been behind because we didn't have leadership, and we were all kind of waiting to see what was going to happen, but now we've got to start rolling. This is where we come in. Kyle: I thought we had a project. Mayor: What is it? Kyle: I mean, we discussed it last month about the trailhead. Well, that's not correct, though, because that's the trail part, and we've already asked for that at the place maker. We've asked for the trail. Are you talking about from the south entrance? Kyle: My understanding is that we were asking for a trailhead on the south entrance here. Mayor: So, early on, this was not the last meeting because I wasn't here, but it was either the meeting before that or the one before that. I think that I have said something about my two recommendations, would we look at either a pavilion or we look at some sort of amphitheater or some sort of venue because they want to see how you bring

people into your community. That's what I remember. I could be wrong, but that's my recollection. I let you guys' run with that, and I haven't heard anything, so I don't know if that's an idea you want, or if you want to look at the survey results and come up with something else. But it needs to happen soon, within the next week or two, so that we can focus on how we want to put this grant together. Kyle: I mean, I'd encourage staff to read this agenda item that's been on the minutes the last four months. I think we've discussed it. Caleb: I thought we had agreed to what you were suggesting. It's a pavilion, you call it a trailhead to get it into. Mayor: No, you can call it a pavilion for Arkansas State Park. For ARDOT, you must call it a trailhead. You can't have a pavilion that won't fund. Kyle: I think the idea with calling it a trailhead and a grant in that way was because of their diversion towards cyclists. Mayor: Well, it's connected being trails. Right. For ARDOT, that's part of it. That's what their focus is. But for Arkansas State Park, you can say, we want to build a big, beautiful pavilion. And we want to have bathrooms. So, you can do whatever you want. Is that what we're going to focus on? Or do you want to do an amphitheater? Do you want to look at the results? I don't care. You just must tell us. Abby: As of Friday, people would like to have music. You can do that in a pavilion. But the other option would be an amphitheater like closer, like here where the pond is. We can turn that into like an amphitheater there. But that's you guys who make that decision. We just try to get it put together and carried through so that the application goes forward. Danielle: It's also a 50-50 match. So, we must go to the city and ask if we can spend that money. Is that correct? Mayor: That's correct. Danielle: So, we need to go up with that. Mayor: I think we already did that in March in anticipation where we were going to apply for this. So, we already have a resolution from the council saying that we could apply for it again. I'm pretty sure we did that early on so that we could make sure that it was ours. Danielle: We don't have to have the exact number. Mayor: No, we must have the authorization to submit for. Kyle: But the match was the purchase of the property. Mayor: Well, a portion of that will be the match. Mayor: So, the purchase of the property does not negate any match. It negates about half of what our match is. That's the way that works. And that's after a long discussion with Arkansas State Parks last year. Caleb, I don't know if you remember. Going through all the talks with them. Kyle: It's half of the project cost. Mayor: No, it's half of the match. Danielle: Project expenses will be reimbursed 50% of all allowed expenses. Kyle: And the purchase of the property is an allowed expense. Mayor: We got a grant match waiver when we bought that property. And so, depending on what the cost of the project is. If the project cost total overall cost is \$200,000, yes, that purchase of the property would negate all our contribution. But if it was \$350,000, \$400,000 plus, then at that point it may not be the full amount. Kyle: That would be more than the project cost maximum. That request would then be more than the project cost maximum. It would be ruled out, right? Because it's a \$500,000 project maximum. So, we're assuming that property is set at \$250,000, which is a fair assumption now that the property has gone up. The maximum project match would be \$250,000. Mayor: No, the maximum project match would be \$125,000. Kyle: That's not true. Well, we discussed it at length with John Beneke and the grant official last year. Mayor: That's what the grant official had stated to us. Kyle: Then why was our application last year not ruled out before it went before the committee? Because that was our application last year. Mayor: I'd be happy to let you have that discussion again with Arkansas State Park. Kyle: I mean that's city hall responsibility. We just went through this. Mayor: I'd be happy to contact them again, but that was my understanding. I could be wrong, but that was my understanding. Kyle: Mary, do you recall those conversations? Mary: The whole ball of wax got so contorted. I want an understating and definitive to the city council that it was only going to work out this way. Then we got that later and it's only 50%. Kyle: Of the total project cost, including the property acquisition as part of the project. Mayor: I can't answer that specifically

at this time. It's been a year ago and I don't recall specifically what I must ask. Go back to the meeting. Mayor: It would be a matter of talking to the state park at this time to be able to assure that we would know exactly who would be able to be responsible for it. Regardless, whatever the amount is of the match, the city is willing to put those funds forward. It's up to you guys to decide how much we want to submit so that we can get that grant submitted. Danielle: So, is that what we're saying? Did we want the trailhead with the pavilion? Caleb: I'm happy with that. Linda: Do we have to know how much it's going to cost, like if we go to the pavilion, so we don't exceed the grant? Mayor: Well, we must put a proposal forward for the grant. So, we have to say, we anticipate the cost to be this. Linda: Is that our job, to figure out the cost? Mayor: No. Danielle: We have an idea on that. We've done some of that before. Mayor: So, a lot of this stuff, we've gone through at different phases with looking at different grant applications in the past. So, we do have some rough numbers on things. Mayor: I would not feel comfortable applying for a \$500,000 grant, because we're not as likely to get it. Linda: And we would have to come up with half of that, right? Mayor: Potentially not. If the property is truly a 100% match, then we wouldn't have to come up with any. If it appraises for \$250,000. My understanding is different from what Kyle's is. But either way, we'd not have to come up with more than \$125,000 for the city's portion of it. But again if we did get \$500,000 more than \$125,000, that's a good deal. But again, that is a significant allocation of funds for the city as well. But again, it's all presumptive of, we get the grant, and we will not apply for \$500,000. I'd feel comfortable somewhere between \$300,000 and \$400,000. That's where I would feel comfortable. Is that where you guys were thinking? Caleb: Yes, or lower. Danielle: So, is that something we need to vote on as far as the trailhead? Is that what we're going for? Mayor: Yes, we need to vote so that we know what direction to take it. Caleb LeBow motioned to approve the pavilion project. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. All in favor? Yay (4). Opposed? (0). The motion carried.

- F. Master Plan Update (Follow up from 2025 ARDOT Application)** Kyle: Are you sending it out? Abby: I'll do that first thing, I'm in office Thursday. I'll redline it, and I will send that to you guys immediately. Kyle: And are we going to have a vote on that? Mayor: I don't think it requires a vote. And again, it's a changing document, so if there's things that need to be updated, and you want to send that to Abby for update, please do that. If there's things that you see that maybe you feel like need to be changed, or things that you feel like maybe aren't as accurate as what they need to be on the document, we can get those things adjusted, and then at that point bring it back, and have you guys look at it as approved, and then change that as approved. So that would be my recommendation. Kyle: So right now, we're looking at a draft? Mayor: It says draft at the top, and it's always said a draft. We've not had a final version, because this is a living, breathing document that changes as we go. So, I think the last revision before this was what? Is this March 23 or something? Abby: Yes, it was March. So, after reviewing, it was May 23. Kyle: So, I mean, just with regards to the master plan, I think that we should think about how we move forward as a committee to ratify a master plan, whether it's this one or a better-looking version of it, so that we have a released version that we can work towards. And in the future, when we're changing it, we should have a change process that goes through review and public comment. I think the fruit of it is that if we have a committee that is agreeable to everything and a city staff or mayor that just wants to do whatever they want, right now there's no checks and balances in place to even must go through the Parks Commission to change things in the master plan. Mayor: And I disagree. I mean, we asked for input from the Parks Commission. Input wasn't given. Caleb: I thought it was given, though. I'm sorry if I missed that, you all. But I thought that whenever Lacie brought that up a couple months ago,

we basically said, yes, everything we've updated and what we currently talked about, and we're good with that, and it was going to be like a quick update to the master plan, send that over to us, us just kind of like look over it and realistically give its approval, and then just roll with that. And it just wound up that we were waiting on it, waiting on it, and got to a point where it needed to be approved immediately, and ultimately probably the exact same. I mean, I don't think we would have changed anything, but I'm sure it's still fine. But nonetheless, that was it. Because I thought we were good. I thought we'd given them our kind of thoughts, which were none. Everything that we've done, everyone's aware, so good to go. Kyle: We approved a document we never see off. Well, I did have a fundamental issue with that. Caleb: I don't think we approved it. We were waiting for it to come in. But we approved what was currently set. We didn't have comments is what I was trying to say. I didn't. I didn't think we had an additional on the master plan. I don't think we wanted to change anything of where things were really going or where they are now. There's still plenty of aspects in flux. Abby: wasn't really anything changing. A lot of it was just updating what we have done. A lot of the reports in the old one were in the back of it, where it had the flowchart of all our plans and what we're doing. It was just updating that, yes, this has been completed. That's all. We're not changing the future. We're not putting in plans of what we want. That wasn't what it was at all. It was this is how much of a plan we have now. And it wasn't anything. We didn't change our plans. It was updating what we've already done. Caleb: Yes, and that's what I understood. Mayor: It wasn't a substantive update. It was just updating it for the grant submittal. Caleb: That's why I didn't think we had comments to really provide. Because I didn't know what we were waiting on, our comments or approval, more so, honestly. It was really, I guess, the first version, the Phase 1 application for ARDOT grant, it didn't, we didn't want it to match what was submitted the first time. Because things had changed since then. So, we couldn't submit the same documents. It wasn't accurate anymore. Things had changed since then. So that's what the updated version was. Kyle: I mean, I trust your word. I would still like to review it.

New Business:

- A. Rosie Christensen Mill Branch sign Project:** I'm Rosie Christensen. I'm a life scout through Troop 46G in Fayetteville, and I'm currently working on getting my Eagle Scout. And one of the many things you must do to be able to get that rank is to do an Eagle Scout project where I can show my leadership, which I have learned throughout the many years that I have been a scout. And I was thinking for my Eagle Scout project, I would help build a new park sign, for the new north entrance for Mill Branch Park. I met with Russell a few weeks ago just explaining what we're going to do. Explaining more detail about everything, and some ideas, and getting in contact with people, specifically ARDOT. And I sent a few emails to some of the people that Lacie recommended for me to contact, and I have contacted them, but I haven't had any contact back. On like the rights-of-way, and the permits, and things like that. I'm still in the planning stages right now, and I'm not on a super big deadline, but I do need to finish this project before my 18th birthday, which is January 17th. And I know that the whole park construction is going to be going underway soon. Danielle: Does it have to be put up in place by then? Mayor: I think we'll have it in place by then. Mayor, this is a sign on Highway 45 saying that this is Mill Branch Park. Well, she has brought some design plans, and she has that with her. I do. I have some pictures. I just went around to different parts of Fayetteville and online looking at different designs just because I know that when we talked about it, we wanted to stay away from the whole wood section because I know wood can rot throughout the years. I

wanted to go for a metal, rocky type of look. But again, it's still in its planning stages. Decisions will be made once Rosie hears back from ARDOT.

- B. State Forestry Grant:** Danielle: It's a 50-50 grant match, \$1,000 to \$10,000, The only category that we can apply for is the trees to be planted in the south entrance of the park, for the screening of adjacent property. That's already been done? Mayor: No, we have some of that in the budget, but not all. We need way more. And then the landscaping down the driveway and the parking lot of that south entrance. Caleb: Can we do both of those together, or is it just one or the other? Danielle: I think it's a 50-50 match, so we need to come up with an idea, go to the City Council and say, this is what we're applying for, and would you be willing to match \$10,000 if that's what we need? I don't know how much of the budget that, I mean, how much that costs. I have no idea as far as the trees being planted in the south entrance. Mayor: When will the grant be awarded? Kyle: Does it require us to use a contractor, or can it be self-performed work? Abby: This is a grant that I began looking at, I believe, on Friday, so it's still new to me as well. Danielle: This is due on the 30th of next month. So, we have one due the 28th and one due the 30th. But that's why we need to kind of talk about this, come up with what we want to do. Mayor: And that's awarded for \$10,000 or is \$5,000, \$5,000 for the city? Danielle: I'm pretty sure, I was spending more time on the other grant, to tell you the truth, so I've not read everything on this one. Abby: That one we are applying for is in category three. Abby: So, it says that proposals do not have to deliver 100% of the funding slash program benefits to disadvantaged community but will be required to provide a one-to-one matching fund to in kind of contributions. Kyle: So that would be volunteer labor. Abby: So, the project time limit that they're requesting as well, it needs to be up to one year, with the possibility, they will offer a six-month extension that must be requested in at least 30 days prior to the end of the performance period, and which must be approved by the Forestry coordinator. And this is open to any community in Arkansas. Kyle: That first sentence that you mention, like, under-disadvantaged communities, so that's not required, or it is? Is that a grant consideration? Abby: Category 1 and 2 of this project, they want underserved communities exclusively for the first two categories. So, we think that we fit more appropriately in the third category, which is open to any Arkansas community. Kyle: But there's no privilege towards underserved communities or anything? Abby: It says, like, when it says community served, it doesn't have that. So, this one's a little bit broader. There's less of an issue with it. Caleb: Do we need to apply for this one? If we don't feel like we have a great chance for it, I don't want to put extra work on staff. Mayor: No, this portion that we would apply for has nothing to do with our state. Abby: Because this is the one category that is oriented toward an Arkansas community, it opens that door. There's not going to be an obstacle in the way. We won't have to hoard this one in a way to increase our chances of, you know, getting the grant money. This is going to be something that we can say, here's our plans for this and what we want to do with it. It's not going to be something difficult. Mayor: My verses the place maker grant, but we had to put in there specifically that although Goshen as a community has a high per capita income, we serve an area surrounding Goshen that is not in that demographic and has a lower per capita income. Mike: It's hard to look at a gift horse in the mouth, but it's, speaking, it's a small amount of money. \$10,000 is not going to go anywhere on landscaping work. My question is, is it worth using city resources to apply for a grant that, as Abby's pointed out, we're going to have a lot of competition for? Is it a waste of time? Do we even do it? Kyle: My thought process tracks with you, but the reason I think that it may be worth it is that, it's like when you're applying for jobs, like when you're just starting out, you apply for a bunch of jobs, you get a couple of interviews, and you learn the process. It'd be a great thing for Abby to go through the grant process for

these smaller grants that are inconsequential. Mike: The other part is, we're going to have to go to the city council, and back to the mayor's point earlier, the city has a lot of other allocations that they've got to make, budget-wise, and do we really want to go to the city council and ask for another \$10,000 for a park that a lot of people feel that we've already put a lot of money into at this stage of the game? Does that make sense? Kyle: If we can't make our match exclusively in kind, I think that's fair. Abby: Considering both are going to be submitted at the same time, and we have one, it was on the 28th, and one's on the 30th, it's going to be two that are back-to-back, so if we had to go to council and ask for funds for the other grant that we had already asked for. Mayor: We've already asked for those. But this would be a new request from the council. I have no difficulty bringing it to council as an option if we get it, and I think it's additional money that we have that we can, at that point, put that portion of that match, it comes from the Parks Commission budget, and so that is something we build in. Danielle: We're going to have to plant trees. Mayor: We've already committed to that to the neighbors, so if this helps with that, we're going to spend the money on it anyway. Kyle McGurk motioned to recommend to the council approval, applying for this grant for the purposes of landscaping, in the park, but specifically along our new access areas, the north entrance. Seconded by Caleb LeBow. All in favor? Yay. (4) Opposed? (0) The motion carried.

- C. **Secretary Position:** Mayor has asked Mike Nimmo to fill in as the interim Secretary position for the rest of the year.
- D. **Park Ordinance Change for Open Committee Seat:** Caleb LeBow motioned to approve the recommendation of City Council to change the ordinance to add one member living in the planning area. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. All in favor? Yay. (4). Opposed? (0). The motion carried. Ordinance 216 will also be corrected pertaining to typographical errors.
- E. **Future Grant Opportunities:** Abby and Lacie will work on future grants.

Public Input: Jerry Jackson looking forward to working with you all. Mayor, we will be working on the budget for 2025, starting in August. I will need all your input. Mary Smith express concerns about delay in receiving our grant funds. Suggested we call U. S. Rep. Womack's office.

Adjournment: Mike Nimmo motioned to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. Adjourned at 8:12pm.

Danielle Edwards
Acting Chairman

