

**ORDINANCE NO. 27**

**AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE GOSHEN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONFERRING AUTHORITY THEREON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Mayor and City Council that statutory authority regarding municipal planning, A.C.A. 14-56-401 through A.C.A. 14-56-425, be exercised in the City of Goshen; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to insure full future statutory compliance in all such planning matters, it is deemed necessary to re-establish and reconstitute the Goshen Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Authority. As authorized by State enabling legislation, the Goshen Planning Commission is hereby established; and all powers necessary to carry out municipal planning, as permitted by such statutes, are hereby conferred thereon.

SECTION 2. Purpose. The general purpose of the Commission shall be to: (1) prepare, or have prepared, plans for the City; (2) receive and make recommendations on public and private proposals for development; (3) administer planning, zoning and subdivision regulations; (4) prepare and transmit to the City Council recommended ordinances implementing plans; and (5) advise and counsel city government and other public bodies on planning and related matters.

SECTION 3. Members. The Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. All members shall be qualified electors residing in the City, and shall not hold any other municipal office or appointment, except membership on the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Members shall, in the initial appointment, serve terms as follows: one (1) member for a term of one (1) year; two (2) members for a term of two (2) years; and two (2) members for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three (3) years, and shall expire on March 1<sup>st</sup> of such year. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for unexpired terms only. Members may be reappointed for one (1) term, consecutive to the first term, with future appointment possible only after a minimum one (1) year break in service.

SECTION 4. Officers. The Commission shall annually designate one of its members as chairman, who shall have full voting status, and select a vice-chairman, and such other officers as it may require. It shall adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the discharge of its duties and the transaction of business.


SECTION 5. Meetings. The Commission shall establish regular meeting dates, providing for at least one (1) regular meeting to be held in each quarter of each calendar year. Special meetings may be called, subject to notification by law, by the chairman or by a majority of the membership. The Commission shall keep a public record of all business, resolutions, findings, recommendations, and determinations. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission's authorized membership shall be required for passage of any motion.

SECTION 6. Reports. The Commission shall make periodic reports to the Mayor and City Council covering their investigations, transactions, and recommendations, and such other reports relative thereto, as it may deem proper or as requested by the Mayor or City Council.


SECTION 7. Repealer. Ordinance No. I, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Emergency Clause. This ordinance being necessary for immediate and proper community planning, and for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2003.

  
Andy Bethell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sharon Baggett, Recorder-Treasurer

Names of Those Voting YEA

Joe Benson  
Bob Brake  
Chuck Huskey  
Dick Seddon  
Albert Skiles

Names of Those Voting NAY

Absent

Dean Hull