

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**  
**GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL**  
**November 18, 2020 at 6:30pm**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Max Poye called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum:** John Vaillancourt, Colton Martin, Paula Anderson, and Jamie Van Becelaere were present. Birch Wright and Linda Moore the Recorder/Treasurer were absent. Bill Hewat arrived at 6:40pm. Lora Nanak the office manager and Brian Hogue from Hogue Law Firm were also present. A quorum was declared.

Paula Anderson stated that she would be abstaining from voting tonight due to the fact that her parent's property borders the property in question; she wants to avoid a conflict of interest.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Paula Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**City Business:**

**Land Acquisition:** Bob Daugherty in a Goshen land owner who has offered the City 105 acres of land at \$12,000.00 per acre. Mr. Daugherty is requiring a \$200,000.00 down payment which would purchase about 17 of the 105 acres. Mr. Daugherty has offered to owner finance the rest of the land at 3% interest; we then could lease the rest of the land with the option to buy in the future. Brian Hogue stated that the city can only enter into a 5-year term on something like this. Brian Hogue will look into foundations that may donate money towards this project. Council made comments and asked questions.

The city will apply for a \$250,000.00, matching, State Outdoor Grant. There are three grant application options: 1) Immediate Development, 2) Preservation protection for educational purposes, and 3) acquisition for delayed development; the latter is the one we would apply for. In order to apply for the Delayed Development State Outdoor Grant, we cannot own all of the land.

Mayor Poye suggested forming a committee in order to talk to the land owner and bring back more information at the next City Council Meeting; Bill Hewat was appointed to the Committee, Mayor Poye, Ken Smith, and Chuck Jacobus are also on the Committee.

Colton Martin made a motion to purchase however much land we can for \$2000,000.00 and secure the rest of the land by lease agreement with the option to buy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt.

Brian Hogue suggested having a final purchase price in the option to lease. Brian Hogue will want to review everything before anything is signed.

Colton Martin amended his motion to include a maximum of \$12,000.00 purchase price per acre, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. A roll call vote was taken: Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John

Vaillancourt, and Jamie Van Becelaere all voted yes. Paula Anderson abstained and Birch Wright was absent.

**Reports/Comments by Mayor/Alderman/City Attorney:** Colton Martin thanked Ken Smith and Chuck Jacobus for their efforts in finding this land. Chuck Jacobus thanked the council for approving this decision. Adam Walker was also thanked.

Mayor Poye complimented Lora Nanak for all the work she has done on this project.

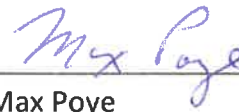
**Public Input:** Input was given

**Adjournment:** John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colton Martin. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:26pm



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Linda Moore  
Recorder/Treasurer



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Max Poye  
Mayor