

**MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
November 25, 2019
Special Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cathy Oliver called the special meeting of the Goshen City Council to order on November 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Goshen City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Paula Anderson, Angie Driver, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Bill Hewat and Birch Wright. Mayor Oliver declared a quorum. Linda Moore the Recorder/Treasurer was absent. Lora Nanak the Office Manager and Josh Bailey the City Attorney from Hogue Law Firm were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Item 4 "B" Revision to Subdivision Regulations was stricken from the Agenda. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the amended Agenda, 2nd by Bill Hewat. Motion passed 5-0

APPROVAL of the November 12, 2019 MINUTES: Mayor Oliver made a correction to the amount of the Police Vehicle replacement to read "including the insurance" rather than how it was previously stated as "less the insurance". Final payment to replace the vehicle will be \$25,698.44 after the insurance reimbursement.

Birch Wright requested an addition be added to **Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney or Recorder/Treasurer:** Under the discussion about the 1.00% sales tax increase he would like it to read that Bill Hewat *and* Birch Wright requested an itemized needs list showing where the money is needed. Mayor Oliver had the needs list available for Council to review. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the Amended Minutes, 2nd by Bill Hewat. Motion passed 5-0

City Business:

Sales Tax Discussion: Attorney Bailey presented and explained two Ordinances needing the Councils approval. The first Ordinance #179 is for the Levy of 1.00% sales and use Tax increase, if adopted by council tonight it will not actually go into effect until after it has the voters' approval at the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. If the 1.00% increase is not accepted by the voters then Ordinance #179 will be null and void. If council does adopt Ordinance #179 tonight then Ordinance #180 will need to be adopted tonight as well; an emergency clause is attached to Ordinance #180 in order to meet the December 26, 2019 deadline required by the Electoral Committee. Birch Wright made a motion to read in title only, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. Roll call vote taken: Colton Martin, Birch Wright, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, and John Vaillancourt all voted in favor; Bill Hewat voted to oppose Ordinance #179. Attorney Bailey read Ordinance #179 in title only (An Ordinance for Providing for the Levy of a One Percent Sales Tax Within the city of Goshen, Arkansas; And Prescribing Other Matters Pertaining Thereto) Birch Wright made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the 2nd and 3rd reading, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. Roll Call vote taken: Colton Martin, Birch Wright, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt, and Bill Hewat all voted in favor. Mayor Oliver clarified that we are not passing the 1.00% sales tax tonight, we are only passing an ordinance which will allow it to be put to a city-wide vote. Birch Wright made a motion to adopt Ordinance #179, 2nd by John Vaillancourt: Roll call vote was taken: Colton Martin, Birch Wright, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, and John Vaillancourt all voted in favor; Bill Hewat voted to oppose. Ordinance #179 passed.

Follow-up Ordinance #180 will allow the 1.00% sales tax increase be put on the ballot for the March 3, 2020 election. Birch Wright made a motion to read in title only, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. Roll call vote was taken: Colton Martin, Birch Wright, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt and Bill Hewat all voted in favor. Attorney Bailey read Ordinance #180 in title only (An Ordinance Calling a Special election in the city of Goshen, Arkansas on the Question of Levying a 1.00% Sales and Use Tax within the City of Goshen, Arkansas; And Prescribing Other matters pertaining thereto and Declaring an Emergency). John Vaillancourt made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, Bill Wright 2nd. Roll call vote taken: Colton Martin, Birch Wright, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt, and Bill Hewat all voted in favor.

A citizen asked, if at a later date, we want to decrease the sales tax by 1.00% are we able to do that? Attorney Bailey said that we could decrease the percentage but it would have to go back to a city-wide vote. John Vaillancourt made a motion to adopt Ordinance #180, 2nd by Birch Wright. Roll call vote was taken: Colton Martin, Birch Wright, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt, and Bill Hewat all voted in favor. John Vaillancourt made a motion to enact the emergency clause, 2nd by Birch Wright. Roll call vote was taken: Colton Martin, Angie Driver, Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt, and Bill Hewat all voted in favor. Ordinance #180 passed.

Attorney Bailey spoke about some of the laws that are involved: 1. overtime pay. 2. on-call pay, and 3. Holiday pay for the police department before the discussion on the 2020 Budget began, these expenditures are included on the 2020 Budget Review.

2020 Budget Review: The 2020 budget was reviewed by Council members. No action taken. The budget will be discussed more at the December 2019 Council meeting. Mayor Oliver provided a City Needs list in Councils packets.

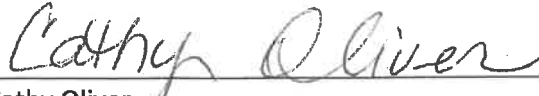
REPORTS/COMMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY OR RECORDER/TREASURER: Census Bureau desperately needs Counters; the rate of pay for a Counter is \$21.00 an hour, plus mileage. Counters must reside in Goshen. (Birch Wright left the meeting at 8:47 P.M.)

PUBLIC INPUT: Chief Mike Ball stated that non-monetary donations are needed for the December 21st Christmas party for the children. Chief Ball also informed the public that complaints have come in regarding 4 Wheelers riding on private property near Waterford Subdivision; because it is private property so the police will not enforce traffic on those streets.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by John Vaillancourt to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bill Hewat. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.



Linda Moore
Recorder



Cathy Oliver
Mayor