

**MINUTES**  
**GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 12, 2021 at 6:30**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Max Poye called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

**Roll Call:** Paula Anderson, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Bill Hewat, Birch Wright, and Jamie Van Becelaere were in attendance. Mayor Poye declared a quorum. Lora Nanak, Office Manager and City Attorney, Brian Hogue were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Poye made an addition under City Business: item "G" A Resolution Accepting State Street Aid. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the amended agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** A correction was made to the December 08, 2020 Minutes: under Financial Reports it was stated that the General fund was \$803,081.59; the correct amount is \$830,081.59. Birch Wright made a motion to approve the amended minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Reports 2021**

**Police Department Report:** Chief Mike Ball reported. Reports are in Councils packets. Officer Travis was exposed to Covid-19 but tested negative.

**Street Report.** Mike Bowen reported. Chat building is done. A list of street projects for 2021 will be created.

**Volunteer Fire Department:** Reports are in Council's packets.

**Planning Commission Report:** The Planning Commission report is in Council's packets.

**Building Official's Report:** JD DeMotte reported. Reports are in Council's packets.

**Financial Report:** At the end of December the General Fund was \$843,485.66 and the Street fund was \$82,037.03. The reports included in Council's packets are not the final numbers for the end of the year, Lora Nanak should have that done in the next week or two. CD reports were not included in Council's packets but will be sent to the Council tonight or in the morning.

**Parks & Rec. Report:** Ken Smith presented. Reports are in Council's packets.

The Fun Parks Grant application was not approved for funding, we will apply for it again this year.

The details for the Mashie property will be finished up tomorrow.

The Arbor board has been working on planting more trees and cleaning up shrubbery around the Community Building.

The Parks Commission would like to schedule a community wide hiking trip of the Bob Daugherty property. Future naming of the Bob Daugherty property was discussed.

**City Business:**

**Appointment of Council Member for Ward 3, Position 1:** John Vaillancourt made a motion to appoint Jamie Van Becelaere to the ward 3, Position 1 Council Position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hewat. No public input was given. Roll call vote was taken. Paula Anderson, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, and Birch Wright all voted in favor. Jamie Van Becelaere has been appointed as the Ward 3, position 1 Council Member.

**Oath of Office for Council Members:** Each Council member was sworn in. The Council members will sign their Oath of office and return it to City Hall.

**Recorder/Treasurer Position and Office Assistant Position Update:** Several applications for the Office Assistant position were received and 3 applications for the Recorder/Treasurer position were received. Council members have requested the resumes for the Recorder/Treasurer be emailed to them.

**2021 Budget Resolution:** A preliminary budget was adopted in December, 2020. An amendment was made to the preliminary budget to add \$15,000 for a mower and trailer. Bill Hewat will make inquiries about the mower purchase. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the Budget Resolution with the amended line item for \$15,000.00 for a mower and a trailer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. Birch Wright made a motion to read the Resolution in title only, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor. Resolution 2021-01 was read in title only. John Vaillancourt made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-01 as read in title only, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birch Wright. All voted in favor and Resolution 2021-01 has passed.

**Standard Operating Procedures for Police Department:** After much research Chief Ball has come up with an updated Standard Operating Procedures for the Police Department; these procedures were last updated in 2016. Bill Hewat made a motion to accept the revised SOP Ordinance for the police Department and to suspend the rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birch Wright. No public input was given. Roll call vote was taken. Paula Anderson, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright, and Jamie Van Becelaere all voted in favor. Birch Wright made a motion to read by title only with the emergency clause, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. No public input was given. Roll call vote was taken. Paula Anderson, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright, and Jamie Van Becelaere all voted in favor. Ordinance 189 was read in title only. Paula Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 189, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birch Wright. No public input was given. Roll call vote was taken. Paula Anderson, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright, and Jamie Van Becelaere all voted in favor. Birch Wright made a motion to adopt the emergency clause, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. Roll call vote was taken. Paula Anderson, Bill Hewat, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright, and Jamie Van Becelaere all voted in favor. Ordinance 189 has passed.

**Subdivision Regulations:** Input was given, and updates were discussed. John Vaillancourt made a motion to post the Subdivision Regulations document, as it is written, and make it available to the public for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Hewat. All voted in favor. No public input was given. The Document will be posted on


the City Website and notification will go in the newspaper informing the public that they can see a copy of it at City Hall. From this day forward existing subdivisions are grandfathered in.

**Resolution accepting State Street Aid:** The City received a letter today from the AR Department of Transportation regarding state street aid. A Resolution is needed in order to accept the aid from the state. Questions were asked and clarifications were made. John Vaillancourt made a motion to read the Resolution in title only, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and Resolution 2021-02 was read in title only. Bill Hewat made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and Resolution 2021-02 passed.

**Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, or City Attorney:** Bill Hewat expressed his thanks to the people in uniform who protect us, Jamie Van Becelaere concurred.

**Public Input:** None given

**Adjournment:** John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colton Martin. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

  
Recorder/Treasurer

  
Mayor Max Poye