

MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
September 08, 2020 at 6:30pm
124 Church Street
Goshen City Hall and Zoom

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

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum: Birch Wright, Paula Anderson, John Vaillancourt, and Colton Martin were present and a quorum was declared. Bill Hewat and Angie Driver were absent. Lora Nanak the Office Manager, Josh Bailey from Hogue Law Firm, Ken Smith and Chuck Jacobus from the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Linda Moore the Recorder/Treasurer were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: John Vaillancourt requested that "Riggins Fence update" be added to the agenda; It was added under City Business item "F". Birch Wright made a motion to accept the amended agenda, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Max Poye requested a correction be made to the August 11, 2020 minutes under Street Report: sand blasting was eliminated from the estimate for Spring Park Bridge in order to save the city \$2,500.00. Birch Wright made a correction under Parks and Rec. Reports: The motion that was made was for an approval of \$18,000.00, not \$93,000.00, above and beyond the grant amount. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the amended minutes, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Birch Wright made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Reports for 2020:

Police Department Reports: A summary of the Police Department report is in Council's packets. Chief Ball was absent.

Due to Covid-19 the Halloween candy distribution event has been cancelled.

Street Report: Mayor Max Poye gave an update on the Spring Park bridge repair. The pad for the chat building has been started.

Goshen Volunteer Fire Department Report: There is nothing to report this month.

Planning Commission Report: There was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

Building Official's Report: Reports are in Council's packets. JD Demotte reported that this was the busiest month since he has been with Goshen.

Financial Report: Reports are in Council's packets. The General Fund balance at the end of August was \$722,189.64. Street Fund balance was \$72,035.44. We received a refund of \$726.00 from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The Codification of the Ordinances should be completed in the next 4 or 5 months. Budget planning will begin this month for 2021.

Parks and Recreation Commission Report: Ken Smith and Chuck Jacobus presented. The Fun Park Grant application has been submitted with the help of Tina Cole from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and we should know in the next two months if we are selected. A letter of gratitude from the Mayor will be sent to Mrs. Cole.

Two Proposals for real property, within the city of Goshen, were submitted; Proposals are in Council's packets. It was suggested that each Council member tour both properties. This item will be discussed again at next month's meeting. Paula Anderson suggested looking into real-estate property currently for sale.

City Business

Security Remodel Update: We have received an estimate of \$18,839.00 to complete the desired security updates to City Hall. FOIA requirements were discussed regarding publishing, publicly, the security updates being done. Installing lighting on the side of the building to illuminate the parking lot was approved, no vote was needed.

Elkins Court Update: Attorney Bailey sent the interlocal agreement to the Elkins' City Attorney, but they have not had a chance to review it.

Mashie Property Update: Liz Mashie shared a draft of the parcel map where the Fun Park will be, the City has agreed to buy 2 acres of land for the Fun park and the draft map shows just 1.5 acres so these lines will be adjusted. Liz Mashie reviewed, discussed and answered Council's questions and invited the Council, Parks Commissioners, and JD Demotte to visit the property. Mayor Poye stated that once the property lines are agreed upon, we should be able to do a lot line adjustment. John Vaillancourt wants to know how much frontage on Fire Tower we will have. Paula Anderson wants the triangle piece of property on Tuttle Rd. addressed.

Full time Road and Zoning Official Position: Job description is included in Council's packets. Council discussed and made suggestions. Council gave Mayor Poye their approval to make changes, get it posted and start interviewing. Birch Wright made a motion to move forward with the job posting and interviewing, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Noise Ordinance #186: Ordinance #186 is in Council's packets. The Aldermen and Mayor Poye gave their opinions and suggestions. Birch Wright made a motion to read Ordinance #186 in title only and suspend the rules, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. Roll Call vote: Paula Anderson, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, Birch Wright all voted in favor; Angie Driver and Bill Hewat were absent. Ordinance #186 An Ordinance amending Ordinance #51 which established and defined restrictions with respect to noise and prohibited actions and for other purposes. Birch Wright made a motion to waive the emergency clause, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. Roll Call vote: Paula Anderson, Colton Martin, John Vaillancourt, and Birch Wright all voted in favor; Bill Hewitt and Angie Driver were absent. Ordinance #186 will be in effect in 30 days.


Riggins Fence Update: John Vaillancourt is in receipt of letters from two residence who have come to an agreement with Kevin Higgins regarding his fence. John Vaillancourt will send copies of said letters to City Hall.

Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney or Recorder/Treasurer: Paula Anderson asked about the status of the Recorder/Treasurer's residence being annexed into the City; Attorney

Bailey said that he will investigate this issue and get an answer for us.
The Recorder/Treasurer reminded council that it is time submit the mils for the Ad Volurem Tax.

Public Input: Birch Wright thanked the police for the job they are doing.

Adjournment: John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Birch Wright. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.



Linda Moore
Recorder/Treasurer



Max Poye
Mayor