

MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
December 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: Paula Anderson, Colton Martin, Birch Wright, John Vaillancourt, and Bill Hewat, were present and a quorum was declared. Council member Jamie Van Becelaere arrived at 6:38pm. Lora Nanak the Office Manager, Brian Hogue 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: Paula Anderson added an item to the agenda under City Business: "F" Holiday Bonuses for City Employees. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the amended agenda, 2nd by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paula Anderson requested 4 updates be made to the November 10, 2020 minutes: Item I. Public Hearing; the word "be" needs to be added prior to the word "replated". Under item II. It reads "Birch wright mad" and it needs to read "Birch Wright made". Under Parks and Rec. Commission Report on page 2 the property acquisition at the Community building should say "adjacent to the community building", and on page 2 under 2021 Budget it states that the Council members "will adopt a temporary budget" but instead it was state that the Council members "may adopt a temporary budget". John Vaillancourt made a motion to approve the amended minutes with the corrections made by Paul Anderson, 2nd by Birch Wright. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

November 18, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes: John Vaillancourt made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Reports for 2020:

Police Department Reports: Reports are in Councils' packets. Chief Ball reviewed the report. Officer Sorrell and Chief Ball were out for 14 days; Chief Ball thanked the officers who covered the shifts.

Street Report: Mike Bowen gave a report; the chat building is mostly done – we will add some lights and a covering for the open end.

Goshen Volunteer Fire Department Report: Nothing to report

Planning Commission Report: Mayor Poye presented: reports are in Council's packets.

Building Official's Report: JD Demotte presented; reports are in Council's packets.

Financial Report: Reports are in Council's packets. Lora Nanak reported that, as of November 30th, the General Fund had a balance of \$830,081.59 and the Street Fund had a balance of \$82,037.03. Linda Moore reported on the Depository Board meeting that was held on December 7, 2020. It was decided to move the expired CD from Bank of Gravett and deposit it at United Bank in Fayetteville for a term of 9 months at .65% interest.

Parks and Recreation Commission Report: Ken Smith presented; reports are in Council's packets. Ken Smith discussed details regarding the Dougherty property and shared a PowerPoint presentation that included a map of the parcels. Council asked questions regarding this property and clarifications were made. Colton Martin made a motion to purchase 2 parcels at \$12,000.00 an acre and lease the remaining property. No action was

taken. Lease options and restrictions for a Grant for this property were discussed. John Vaillancourt made a motion to move ahead and purchase 21 acres at \$12,000.00 an acre, 2nd by Colton Martin. Roll call vote was taken:

Bill Hewat – yes

Colton Martin – yes

John Vaillancourt – yes

Birch Wright – Yes

Jamie Van Becelaere – yes

Paula Anderson - abstained

John Vaillancourt made a motion to create an agreement with Mr. Dougherty on the remaining 85 acres to lease that land at \$10,000.00 per year; with an option to buy anytime within 5 years at \$12,000.00 per acre, with the option to buy, and that Mr. Dougherty will have right of way to the back 85 acres. 2nd by Colton Martin. Roll call vote was taken:

Bill Hewat – yes

Colton Martin – yes

John Vaillancourt – yes

Birch Wright – yes

Jamie Van Becelaere – yes

Paula Anderson – abstained.

City Business:

Elkins Court Update: Attorney Hogue gave an update: he has been in contact with Elkins' City Attorney and everything is ready to go - we are just waiting on a response from Brian Lester, the County Attorney, as to the cost breakdown for each entity.

Recorder/Treasurer: Linda Moore the Recorder/Treasurer has decided not to annex her land. We will have to advertise for this position. This will be Linda Moore's last meeting as Recorder/Treasurer.

Mashie Property Plat Approval: Copies of the Mashie' subdivision plat is in Council's packets. Jeff Hawkins gave recommendations. The Planning Commission has given their approval. The Preliminary Plat needs to say Final Plat. Mashies have asked for a waiver to the road improvements that would normally be required for a subdivision. Council asked questions regarding the waiver. John Vaillancourt made a motion to accept the subdivision preliminary plat as a final plat, as approved by the Planning Board. 2nd by Bill Hewat. Roll Call vote was taken:

Bill Hewat – yes

Birch Wright – no

Paula Anderson – yes

John Vaillancourt – yes

Colton Martin – no

Jamie Van Becelaere – no

Mayor Max Poye - yes

Conley Easement Abandonment Ordinance: Bill Hewat made a motion to read the Ordinance in title only, 2nd by Paula Anderson. All voted in favor. An Ordinance to vacate easements located within the Brookstone Woods subdivision (proposed Conley Stome Mountain Estates), within the City of Goshen, Arkansas. John made a motion to approve as read in title only, with the typographical error of "Stome" to read "Stone". 2nd by Paula Anderson. Roll Call Vote was taken:

Paula Anderson – yes

Bill Hewat – yes

Colton Martin – yes

John Vaillancourt – yes
Birch Wright – yes
Jamie Van Becelaere - yes

2021 Budget Review: Preliminary budget for 2021 is in Council's packets. Council asked questions and clarifications were made. Birch wright made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as submitted, with the Police officers we have now, not including a 5th officer at this time. We will wait and see what the sales tax increase and the census does, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Roll Call Vote was taken:

Paula Anderson – yes
Bill Hewat – yes
John Vaillancourt – yes
Colton Martin – yes
Jamie Van Becelaere – yes
Birch Wright – yes

At 8:17pm and Executive session was requested by Colton Martin to discuss a personnel issue. Meeting Resumed at 8:45pm. No action was taken

Holiday Bonus for City Employees: Paula Anderson made a motion to give a Holiday/End of year bonus to City Hall employees; Mayor Max Poye, Linda Moore and JD Demotte to receive \$500.00 pre-tax bonus and Mike Ball, Jason Travis, Jessie Sorel, Blake Quisenberry, Lora Nanak, and Mike Bowen to receive a \$1000.00 pre-tax bonus, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney or Recorder/Treasurer: Happy Holidays to everyone. We appreciate what our public servants do for us to keep us safe.

Public Input: non given

Adjournment: John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Colton Martin. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:48pm



Linda Moore
Recorder/Treasurer



Max Poye
Mayor