

Amended
MINUTES
GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL
November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm
124 Church Street
Goshen City Hall and Zoom

I. Public Hearing Regarding Easement Vacation: At 6:30pm a public hearing was held in order to meet the prerequisite needed in order for the Conley Stone Mountain property to be replated and get the public's comments on vacating the easements. The property meets the requirements to vacate. All the utility companies have agreed to vacate the easements. Council members were in attendance and a quorum was declared. Birch Wright made a motion to approve this easement vacation, 2nd by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and the motion carried. No public input was given. Attorney Josh Bailey stated that this vacation will require an ordinance at some point. The public hearing convened at 6:35pm

II. Public Hearing Regarding Zoning Map: At 6:35pm a public hearing was held in order to meet the statute requirements which state that a zoning map needs to be attached to the zoning ordinance. A couple of years ago the zoning ordinance was passed but the map was never attached. There were no changes to the zoning map. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the rezoning of the zoning map, 2nd by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried. No public input was given. The public hearing convened at 6:41pm

Call to Order: Mayor Max Poye called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum: Paula Anderson, Colton Martin, Birch Wright, John Vaillancourt, and Bill Hewat were present and a quorum was declared. 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 made a motion to accept the agenda, 2nd by Birch Wright. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: John Vaillancourt made a motion to accept the October 13, 2020 Minutes as written, 2nd by Bill Hewat. Birch Wright stated that last month he requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the Parks Commission and has yet to receive it; Ken Smith said he would make sure to get it to Council, as requested.

John Vaillancourt made a motion to accept the October 21, 2020 Special Meeting minutes, 2nd by Bill Hewat. 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 verbally reviewed the report. Chief Ball informed the Council that officer Adam Murray resigned and Chief Ball thanked him for his service. Interviews for a replacement police officer were conducted and Blake Quisenberry was hired as a full-time officer.

Street Report: Mike Bowen stated that the pad for the chat building is done; the County is supposed to deliver the donated barricades sometime next week.

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

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

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

Financial Report: Reports are in Council's packets. Lora Nanak reported that, at the end of October, the General Fund had a balance of \$762,962.65 and the Street Fund had a balance of \$69,611.11.

Lora Nanak reported that there was a late fee of \$54.00 charged to one of the city credit cards after we switched to a new credit card company.

Linda Moore reported that the CD at Bank of Gravette will be expiring on December 6, 2020 so she will call the local banks in order to gather information on the best interest rates. The Depository Board will meet to decide the best option for that expired CD.

Parks and Recreation Commission Report: Ken Smith presented; reports are in Council's packets. Mayor Poye gave a presentation to the State Outdoor Grant Committee for our FUN Park Project; we should know in the next month if we are chosen for the Grant.

The property acquisition (the Mashie family property) adjacent to the community building was discussed. Property owner Bob Daugherty has offered to sell the city 105 acres of land at \$12,000.00 an acre with a \$200,000.00 down payment. Ken Smith gave an illustrated PowerPoint presentation for the Bob Daugherty Property; copies of this presentation will be emailed to the Aldermen. Aldermen made comments and asked questions regarding this piece of property. This property is being looked at for a future outdoor park. Council requested that more information regarding terms of purchase and exact property lines be submitted. We hope to have this information prior to next month's meeting. Mayor Poye suggested possibly having a special meeting prior to the next Council meeting to discuss more details about this property.

City Business:

City Council Vacancy/New Appointment: John Vaillancourt made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment of the new Council Member, 2nd by Colton Martin. All voted in favor and the Council, along with the Mayor, went into executive session at 7:45pm.

Council members and the Mayor returned from Executive session at 8:06 and the council meeting reconvened. Colton Martin made a motion to appoint Jamie Van Becelaere to the open city council position, 2nd by Paula Anderson. All voted in favor and the motion carried. This will fulfill Angie Driver's remaining term. Jamie Van Becelaere will come to City Hall next week to be sworn in.

Election Results on Staggering the Terms of Council Members: This item was on the November 2nd ballot and passed. The Alderman terms will be staggered starting after the 2022 election.

Recorder/Treasurer Position: Linda Moore, the Recorder/Treasurer, has decided not to annex her house into the city limits - her appointment will expire on December 31st. We can let it be known that we are going to be in need of someone to fulfill that position.

Elkins Court Agreement: An updated version of the court agreement was sent to the Elkins City attorney; council meets next Thursday and they should look at it at that time. The agreement states a 3-way agreement between Elkins, the County and Goshen. Elkins Mayor is in agreement so we should not have any pushback from Elkins' Council.

2021 Budget: Lora Nanak stated that, after she sent the budget out to Council, she received two large deposits from the Washington County Treasury and from the Franchise Fee. Council requested that Lora Nanak make the changes and allow them time to review it.

Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney or Recorder/Treasurer: Bill Hewat expressed, on behalf of the council, gratitude to the Police Department. Jamie Van Becelaere thanked the fire department.

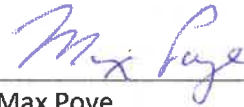
Mayor Poye said that the ballistic panels for the security upgrades will be delivered tomorrow and the light has been installed in the parking lot.
Attorney Josh Bailey has accepted a new job and will be leaving Hogue Law firm in a couple of weeks; Brian Hogue will be taking over. Attorney Bailey thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as the city attorney.

Public Input: Public input was given.

Adjournment: John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bill Hewat. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:34pm



Linda Moore
Recorder/Treasurer



Max Poye
Mayor