

**MINUTES**  
**GOSHEN CITY COUNCIL**  
**February 9, 2021 at 6:35pm**  
**124 Church Street**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88420573467>

**Meeting ID: 884 2057 3467**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Max Poye called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum:** Birch Wright, John Vaillancourt, Jamie Van Becelaere, and Colton Martin were present, and a quorum was declared. Paula Anderson and Bill Hewat were absent. Lora Nanak the Office Manager, Brian Hogue from Hogue Law Firm, and Allison DeJarnette the Recorder/Treasurer were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Max Poye made a motion to amend the agenda so that item G, Parks and Rec Report, be moved to after the Daugherty Property Update. Birch Wright made a motion to accept the amended agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Birch Wright inquired about wording of minutes regarding city business for subdivision regulations: should note that existing construction is grandfathered in; new ordinance applies to new residential and commercial construction. Mayor Max Poye requested a correction be made to the January 12, 2020 minutes. Lora agreed to amend. John Vaillancourt made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of the statement that new construction is what the ordinance pertains to. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Birch Wright made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Reports for January 2021:**

**Police Department Reports:** Chief Jason Travis reviewed stats. Council congratulated Jason Travis. Reports in Council's packets.

**Street Report:** No update from Mike Bowen on streets.

**Goshen Volunteer Fire Department Report:** Chief Anthony Harder reviewed call stats. Information in packet. Special election discussed. Scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July. Dues last raised in 2009. \$65/yr currently for any livable structure. Goal is to restructure how dues are paid.

Proposed numbers: livable structure \$100k or less would go to \$75/yr, \$100k to 300k would go to \$200/yr, \$300k and up would go to \$300/yr. Businesses with revenue over \$1 million would go to \$500/yr. Under \$1 million would go to \$100/yr. Requesting thoughts from city council.

Trying to keep up with growth in the area. Would like to hire two personnel during the day, hypothetically 8a-5p. New engine also needed. 10-year growth in mind.

If ordinance needed to call election, should be filed by 5/14/21. John Vaillancourt requested Lora send breakdown of suggested new figures to council. Anthony asked for council feedback on those figures. Mayor Max Poye asked Lora to put this back on the agenda for March meeting.

**Planning Commission Report:** Mike Parker has withdrawn application for tract split. Riverside Estates here to present. Property line adjustment administratively approved. Reports in Council's packets.

**Building Official's Report:** Stats given. JD stated Riverside less than half full in answer to Birch Wright. Reports in Council's packets.

**Financial Report: Reports are in Council's packets.** The General Fund balance at the end of January was \$835,585.45. Street Fund balance was \$88,873.53. Correction: Final 2021 budget. Capital expenditures is \$27,000. Does not affect bottom line. January Revenue and Expenditure page: \$102,000 includes capital expenditures. Lora will correct and send out in the morning.

Lora has cards to be signed for accidental death and dismemberment policies. She will get those out next week.

**Parks and Recreation Commission Report:** Ken Smith: Begin working on management plan. Beaver Watershed Alliance has volunteered to develop a plan. Attached in Council's packets. Mayor signature required.

**Arbor Board Presentation:** Mary Smith stated they got the plaque to honor donors for the garden next to the community center. Listed major donors. Described improvements. Mayor Max Poye thanked volunteers.

## City Business

**Update on Daugherty Property:** Finished contract in hand. Ken Smith: buying 18.75 acres then lease on remaining acreage. Council has report from Parks and Rec committee. Proposing name of Mill Branch Park. Draft of rules being drawn. Chicken house being torn down and removed. Ken Smith confirmed chicken house could not be easily restored. Colton Martin asked if photos could be taken before it is torn down. Ken Smith said he will take photos. Birch Wright mentioned naming the park after a large donor for funding. Ken Smith said that is up to the mayor and city council. Mary Smith said someone needs to collect the family history of the land so she can put that on record.

**Riggins Const – Riverside Estates Phase III – Plat Modification:** Emails and plats in Council's packets. Blake Murray in attendance to speak on topic. New plan adds five homes. No impact on lot sizes. This addressed at Planning Commission and they recommended approval. No public comment. Birch Wright moves to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. All in favor. Motion passes.

**Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Planning Commission members: Loren Shackelford, James Gardner, Lisa Skiles:** Birch Wright moves to read in title only, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. No public comment. All in favor to read in title only. Brian Hogue read in title only. Motion to approve by Birch Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. No public input. All in favor. Motion passes.

**Resolution to appoint Recorder/Treasurer, Allison DeJarnette:** John Vaillancourt moves to read in title only. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. No public input. All in favor. Brian read in title only. Motion to adopt by Jamie Van Becelaere. Birch Wright 2nds. All in favor. Resolution passes.

**Resolution adopting revised 2020 Budget:** Reports in Council's packets. Birch Wright moves to read in title only. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. No public input. All in favor. Brian read in title only. Birch moves to adopt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Vaillancourt. No public input. All in favor. Resolution passes.

**Ordinance adopting Subdivision Regulations:** Same version we looked at last time. Mayor Max Poye in favor of passing tonight.

Birch Wright stated that if the wording states there's minimum acreage, in support. Darren Riggins confirmed two acres for every lot. Mayor Max Poye stated tweaks will need to be made, but this is a good start. Birch

Wright asked about definition of subdivision. Mayor Max Poye said any land division is treated as subdivision. Four or fewer pieces is minor subdivision. Five or greater is subdivision. Lot size will need to be addressed in the future. Mayor Max Poye said it is never completely done.

Discussion regarding whether roads count as green space. Mayor Max Poye suggested we adopt the ordinance now and amend it next month.

Mayor Max Poye suggested to make the change to the ordinance, table it for now, have another public hearing, come back and vote on it. Public input: whether roads count as green space should be included. Mayor Max Poye also suggested to change the ordinance exemption to match the states where if all lots are five acres or more, they are exempt from the subdivision regulations.

**Mayor Max Poye stated there only needs to be 15 days' notice for public hearing. No action needed tonight.**

Changes will be made to this and public hearing will be held as soon as possible.

**Reports/Comments by Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney or Recorder/Treasurer:** Mayor Max Poye stated two eagle scouts want to do their projects with Goshen: improving lighting on flagpole; installation will start this week and bring lighting up to code. Colton Martin concerned about light pollution. Birch Wright stated there isn't an ordinance against up lighting the flag. Colton Martin stated that he wants the minutes to reflect that this was discussed previously to avoid light pollution and it was made without the Council's knowledge that the lights were going up and they did so without a vote. Birch Wright moves to accept the temporary lights as permanent. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Van Becelaere. Colton Martin abstains. Remaining Council in favor.

Second project proposed is to place signage at city hall and the community building to identify the buildings. In early stages of talking about that.

Max Mayor Poye stated he made an error in stating to Dr. Buell that there was no problem with mini storage. He corrected himself to Dr. Buell. The Mayor proposes we look to allow mini storage as a conditional use in commercial areas. No action needed tonight.

Elkins court agreement has been signed and gone to the county judge, who will sign it.

Security update on city hall is done except for one coat of paint remaining.

Congratulations to Jason being appointed Chief, thanks to Mike Ball for service.

Two-acre Maschie property done.

Birch Wright stated COVID numbers are improving, but it is the worst disease he has ever seen. Please be safe and wear your mask, distance, and receive vaccine when possible.

Alexis Ward stated we have a new judge, Terra Stevinson.

**Public Input:** None

**Adjournment:** John Vaillancourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birch Wright. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.



Allison DeJarnette  
Recorder/Treasurer



Max Poye  
Mayor