

GOSHEN COMMON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nov. 2, 2021 Regular Meeting

Convened in the Council Chambers, Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

Mayor Jeremy Stutsman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stutsman asked the Clerk-Treasurer to conduct the roll call.

Present:	Megan Eichorn (District 4)	Julia King (At-Large)	Doug Nisley (District 2)
	Donald Riegsecker (District 1)	Matt Schrock (District 3)	Council President
	Brett Weddell (At-Large)	Youth Advisor Adrian Mora (Non-voting)	

Absent: Gilberto Pérez Jr. (District 5)

Mayor Stutsman asked the Council's wishes regarding the minutes of the City's Council's Oct. 12, 2021 meeting. **Council members King/Riegsecker moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 12, 2021 meeting as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.**

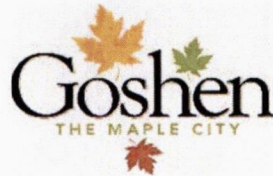
Mayor Stutsman presented the agenda of the Nov. 2, 2021 Council meeting. **Council members Eichorn/King moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.**

Privilege of the Floor:

At 6:04 p.m. Mayor Stutsman opened a period of public comment.

Lori Arnold of Goshen commented about warming shelters for the homeless and asked what the City was doing to prepare for winter. **Mayor Stutsman** said that in the past, the City has worked with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Window and other organizations to meet the needs of homeless people. However, Interfaith doesn't plan to open a low-barrier shelter this year for various reasons. But on the coldest days, the Mayor said, Goshen will have warming shelters. He added that the city has reached out in the past to inform homeless people about the shelters. And in the past six year, the Mayor said, only one person has used a City-sponsored shelter. In response to a follow-up question from Arnold, the Mayor said Interfaith sponsored a low-barrier shelter last year. And when temperatures are very low, the City does open a warming shelter. He said additional information is available through Interfaith. Arnold said she also had a question for **Councilor Perez**, but since he was absent, she would ask it at another time. **Arnold** said recent public comments at council meetings about fluoride in the water has sparked her interest. She asked how she could learn more about the issue from the City. Mayor Stutsman suggested she contact the City Water Department.

Arnold also said people talk often about respecting one another and working together, regardless of disagreements, and being a community. From her perspective, Arnold said there are a group of citizens, including her, who have spoken at school board meetings in Goshen against Critical Race Theory and related issues. Arnold said one school board member has called those testifying "racists." Arnold said some of these same people have come to Council meetings to object to the cancelled youth drag show and were subsequently called "homophobic, hateful and anti-LGBTQ." She said such labeling is not helpful.



Arnold said that she recently read a Facebook post in which Mayor Stutsman commented about politics and the importance of working together despite partisan differences. She said the Mayor also wrote that respecting other views did not include respecting racism, sexism and anti-LGBT views. Arnold asked the Mayor to explain that. Arnold said she and others have been given those labels.

Mayor Stutsman responded that he was not saying specific individuals were racists and was not labeling anyone. The Mayor said for anyone who was racist, he did not have respect for that mindset. He also said he also did not have respect for the mindset of anyone who was anti-LGBTQ. The Mayor added, "I think that being part of a community is accepting people. It's part of living together as a community."

Arnold responded that part of living together in a community also was accepting people, even if your views are not the same as other people. Arnold asked if people labeled racist still deserved respect.

"Not if they're truly racist," **Mayor Stutsman** responded. Arnold asked, "Who determines that?" Mayor Stutsman said, "Each person's decision. I'm saying I don't respect those things. I don't respect racism."

Arnold asked if that meant the Mayor respected those who have been labeled racist. **Mayor Stutsman** said, "If there was truly something that was of that nature, I would have a real issue working with that person. And while we're talking about people who label others, you've got to see what you're saying; that you label a lot of people in this community."

Arnold responded, "I do? Well, that's your opinion."

Mayor Stutsman said, "Yes, it is my opinion. So, I would just encourage you to think about that."

Arnold said, "I have not labeled people and said that we treat people with disrespect; that we don't talk to them anymore. And that's how people feel from this side of the community."

The Mayor said, "I haven't labeled anybody in this room who has been coming to these meetings."

At 6:11 p.m., Mayor Stutsman closed the Privilege of the Floor.

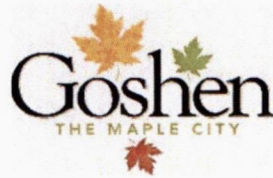
1. Resolution 2021-30: Project Coordination Contract with the State of Indiana for the bidding, construction and funding of the Railroad Protection Project at the Beaver Lane and Madison Street Crossings

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Resolution 2021-30. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Resolution 2021-30 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Resolution 2021-30 on Final Reading.

City of Goshen Director of Public Works and Utilities Dustin Sailor said Resolution 2021-30 was intended to approve the terms and conditions of the Project Coordination Contract with the State for the railroad protection project at the Beaver Lane and Madison Street crossings. Under this agreement, federal funds will be allocated to the project to pay 90% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$1,129,253.40 and the City agrees to fund the remaining costs. In response to a question from **Council President Weddell**, Sailor said the project will include pedestrian crossings at Beaver Lane and Madison Street.

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments from the Council. **Council President Weddell** said the Council was ready to vote. **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on Resolution 2021-30. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**



2. Resolution 2021-31: Adopting the City of Goshen, Indiana American Rescue Act Plan ARP Fund Plan
Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Resolution 2021-31. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Resolution 2021-31 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Resolution 2021-31 on Final Reading.

Deputy Mayor Mark Brinson began by saying that the City's American Rescue Act Plan Fund Plan was a draft that could be amended by the Council. He said there would be time for discussion, comments and revisions at a follow-up Council meeting as needed. Brinson then provided the following background and overview:

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which was passed by Congress, provided funding, including to state and local government. That portion of the funding is called the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. And from that fund, the City of Goshen was awarded \$6.7 million, in two installments. The City has received the first installment of \$3.3 million and it is in a fund that has been created as required by the State Board of Accounts.
- The funds must be spent in certain ways and the act outlines four categories: 1) To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality; 2) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform such essential work; 3) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city; and 4) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
- The State Board of Accounts has mandated that each community must adopt a plan showing how it intends to use the funds. City staff reviewed the more than 150 pages of federal guidelines to clearly understand how the City could and could not use the funds.
- Next, the City formed an advisory committee. The Mayor identified a cross section of people in the community to serve on the committee as well as two Council members, the former Clerk-Treasurer and City staff. The committee met and staff members used the feedback to draft a funding plan. The draft plan was circulated and a few comments were received. Some adjustments were then made, resulting in plan now before the Council.

Brinson said the draft plan would use all of the \$6.7 million in ARPA funds that the City received. He described the seven areas for funding, as detailed in the proposed ARPA funding plan, as follows:

Nonprofit Organizations (\$300,000)

The COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted the local nonprofit community, which provides necessary services and resources to the citizens of the City of Goshen. The continued provision of services and resources provided by local nonprofit organizations is vital to the community's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the negative health consequences of the pandemic and general well-being of the community. A total of \$300,000 of ARP Funds are allocated to nonprofit organizations serving the City of Goshen to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and/or its negative economic impacts including, but not necessarily limited to, mitigation of financial hardship and implementation of COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics.



Priority funding will be given to those organizations addressing the following issues: 1. Food insecurity, 2. Childcare for low-income residents, 3. Homelessness, 4. Revenue loss, 5. Services to connect residents to health services. All funding directed to nonprofit organizations must meet eligibility criteria and guidance provided by the Treasury Department.

Homeless Intervention Services/ Substance Abuse & Behavioral Health Treatment (\$700,000)

To respond to an increase in homelessness, which has been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City would support local agencies providing support services to this population, and create a new position of Homeless Outreach Coordinator. The role of the coordinator will be to directly engage homeless individuals, assess their needs and coordinate the provision of services, including: mental health treatment, healthcare, substance misuse treatment and housing. The new full-time position will be supervised by the Goshen Police Department and will be funded for a three-year period by the ARP allocation. At the end of the three-year pilot period, the results of the program will be evaluated to determine if the position will be continued.

The COVID-19 pandemic also exacerbated the behavioral health needs of the City of Goshen, particularly substance abuse. So, ARP funds would be allocated to provide substance abuse treatment and/or other behavioral health services to the residents of Goshen. These services include, but are not limited to, in-patient substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services. Particular attention will be directed toward providing opioid and methamphetamine addiction services. Funding for these services will be distributed to the Elkhart County Health Department, which will be responsible for sub-contracting behavioral health and substance abuse services with qualified local providers. It is anticipated the Health Department will use the commitment of ARP funds as a match for additional grants from other sources.

Internet Connectivity and Equipment (\$100,000)

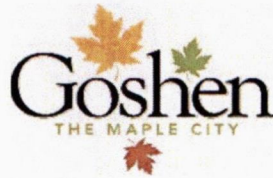
The Goshen Public Library serves the most vulnerable residents who lack internet connectivity and computers at home. During the pandemic the library enabled Goshen residents to access stimulus checks, apply for unemployment benefits, prepare resumes, apply for jobs and access many other critical online services. These services have contributed greatly to the economic and academic recovery efforts in the Goshen community. Connectivity services continue to be in high demand, even as businesses have opened. However, the library has a critical need to upgrade its inventory of computer equipment to continue this much needed community service. A total of \$100,000 of ARP funds will be allocated to funding the purchase of new computers that will be made available for public use.

Ventilation Improvements to Public Buildings (\$200,000)

Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 continues to be a challenge to local governments as more transmissible variants bring new waves of the virus. Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provides funding to address a broad range of public health needs, including making ventilation improvements in key settings. A total of \$200,000 is being allocated in the ARP funding plan to make ventilation improvements to public buildings. The CDC has issued guidelines for improving building ventilation to reduce the spread of the disease and lower the risk of exposure. The City of Goshen will follow these guidelines in making ventilation improvements.

Public Art Beautification Projects (\$150,000)

The COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted the local arts community and caused economic harm to local individual artists. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic caused substantial negative impacts to the mental of health and well-being of the residents of the City of Goshen. Many studies have found that public art is beneficial to mental health by relieving stress, bringing communities together and promoting conversations about mental health.



A total of \$150,000 of ARP Funds are allocated for public art beautification projects to respond to the mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, assist local artists in recovering from the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide aid to the local tourism industry by further beautifying the City of Goshen with the work of local artists.

Vaccination Incentive Program (\$100,000)

ARP funds may be used for COVID-19 vaccination programs. Under Treasury guidelines, funds may be allocated to programs that provide incentives reasonably expected to increase the number of people who choose to get vaccinated, or that motivate people to get vaccinated sooner than they otherwise would have. These funds will be allocated to provide incentives to City employees to become vaccinated or to get booster shots if they have previously received the vaccine.

Infrastructure Projects (\$5,142,508)

Investment in the City of Goshen's infrastructure is essential to the long-term stability and development of the community. A total of \$5,142,508 is allocated for infrastructure projects within the City of Goshen as permitted by the ARP and federal guidance issued by the Treasury Department. Infrastructure investments may include:

- Improvements to water infrastructure. ARP funding may be used for an array of drinking water infrastructure projects, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines.
- Improvements to wastewater infrastructure. ARP funding may be used to invest in wastewater infrastructure projects, including constructing treatment facilities, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse.

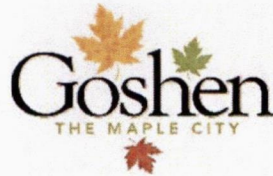
Brinson said final decisions on local projects will be made after the federal infrastructure bill is passed by Congress and a determination can be made about the availability of federal funding for local projects, including the replacement of lead service lines. He said 77% of all funding in the City's plan has been reserved for infrastructure projects,

Brinson said \$3.3 million in the City's ARPA funding was included in the City's 2022 budget, but the Council must still approve the plan. Brinson said the City will create a grant advisory committee, including two Council members, to develop criteria to distribute funds to non-profit organizations. Brinson said the deadline to obligate all of the funds is the end of 2024, but funds could still be spent afterward.

Mayor Stutsman said that since ARPA funds were appropriated as part of the 2022 budget, the Council still had plenty of time to approve the spending plan. The Mayor said that no decisions have been made about how to spend the \$700,000 allocated for homeless intervention services and substance abuse and behavioral health treatment, nor which programs might be developed. He said local health organizations have agreed to help the City develop the programs, but first want to know the amount of funds available. The Mayor said that if the programs have not been developed by the end of 2022 in any of the seven categories, he will return to the Council and ask about shifting funds to other plan priorities. The Mayor also said he believes investing \$5 million in utilities will be a wise investment and while not eliminating the need for future rate increases, will help them from being even higher.

Councilor King said it was a good plan and that she appreciated the committee discussions that led to the development of the plan. She said the plan reflected further thoughtful consideration.

Mayor Stutsman said Councilors Weddell and King were on the Committee that met. He said committee members considered various categories of spending and affirmed extra spending on utilities. **Deputy Mayor Brinson** said that he and Mayor Stutsman were open to meeting with Council members to consider new ideas or shifting the proposed allocations.



Councilor Nisley said he didn't think the Council and City staff were the only people waiting to learn the outcome of the federal infrastructure bill.

Mayor Stutsman said there is a possibility the City may be able to use the ARPA funds as the City's required funding match for infrastructure projects. Mayor Stutsman asked if there were further questions or comments. He also asked if Council members wanted to vote on the plan tonight or later.

Councilors Eichorn, King and Weddell said they would be fine with voting tonight.

Mayor Stutsman invited public comments on Resolution 2021-31.

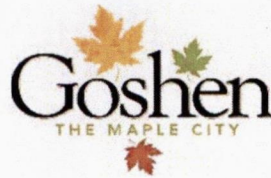
Robert Roeder of Goshen offered the Council a thought to consider. He said there is a school of thought that a community needs more government to help with the issues, but there is a diametrically opposed viewpoint that communities need less government. Roeder said the proposals outlined by Deputy Brinson seemed noble, but they may pose some issues. Roeder said he wasn't opposed to the proposals, but on issues of morality, it's a touchy situation with government. Roeder said that had the City not had moral issues, he would not have attended recent Council meetings. Roeder said he is triggered when government touches on moral issues. Roeder said that in the current postmodern Christian world, with fewer people attending church, maybe government sees an opportunity it believes should be filled. However, Roeder said, keeping his perspective in mind might be helpful in making spending decisions. Roeder said he is pro police and pro helping homeless. Still, he said he wanted to share his thoughts. Roeder said it is ironic that he cannot persuade his pastor to attend a Council meeting, due to the separation of church and state, and yet government is willing to fill that void. Roeder cautioned the Council to be cautious in areas of morality. Roeder said he was not opposed to the ARPA proposal; he just wanted to share this perspective.

Glenn Null of Goshen said he heard that some of the funds would go to essential workers. Null said the problem is that some of the people who were essential in the past have been forgotten now, adding, "We're all essential one way or another," Null said when he buys food, he helps keep the doors of that business open. "That makes me important, but I didn't get any of the extra money that everybody else got because I'm retired, so I'm not working and don't have kids anymore, so I won't get \$1,500 a head." Null said he liked the idea of the Library receiving funds to upgrade its Internet services because the Library won't have to request additional taxes. Null said he doesn't like the City taking money from someone else because of not knowing what strings might be attached to the funds. When it comes to helping City workers, Null said all City workers should be considered important and essential. And that, Null said, includes the person who cleans bathrooms. He said all City employees are important and that the Council should keep that in mind, especially if there is another pandemic.

Councilor Nisley asked Null to please sign in as requested of all audience members who speak. **Null** declined, stating he is not legally required to provide his address. **Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre** said no addresses are required; just the speaker's city of residence. **Mayor Stutsman** said names are requested to ensure an accurate record of who speaks at Council meeting. **Null** then signed his name and city of residence.

In response to Null's comments regarding essential workers, **Mayor Stutsman** said he agreed that all workers are essential. The Mayor said the City explored giving specialty pay and learned that the federal guidelines didn't allow essential pay for the majority of City employees. That's why the City withdrew that proposal, adding, "If we couldn't do all, we weren't going to do a piece of it."

Null asked what happened to the funds the federal government gave the City for its essential workers. **Mayor Stutsman** said the City requested CARES Act funding from the federal government for police department salaries. The Mayor said any such funds not used reverted to the city's general fund and that contributed to the City's large cash balances.



Lori Arnold of Goshen asked the source of the ARPA funds. **Mayor Stutsman** responded that they are taxpayer dollars from the federal government

Arnold said she objected to taxpayer funds being used to encourage people to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Mayor Stutsman closed the public hearing on Resolution 2021-31.

Hearing no further questions or comments from the Council, **Mayor Stutsman called for a roll call vote on Resolution 2021-31. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

3 Ordinance 5100 (1st/2nd Reading): 2022 Compensation for Elected Officials

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5100 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5100 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5100 on First Reading.

Mayor Stutsman said Ordinance 5100 was the compensation ordinance for elected officials for 2022. He said City employees, except for police officers, will receive 3.5% pay increases next year. Stutsman said traditionally, elected officials have received the same pay increase as city staff but the Council can adjust that.

Under Ordinance 5100, Goshen elected officials would receive the following bi-weekly salaries in 2022:

(A) **Mayor** – Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$3,793)

(B) **Clerk-Treasurer** – Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$2,891)

(C) **Judge** – Two Thousand Seventy-seven Dollars (\$2,077).

(D) **Common Council Members** – Six Hundred Four Dollars (\$604).

Ordinance 5100 also: establishes additional compensation for a Common Council member serving on a collective bargaining unit negotiation team; sets the longevity pay increases for the Mayor; described the Public Employee's Retirement Fund benefits for the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Judge; describes the health insurance benefits for the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer; and sets the cell phone stipends for the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Judge and the technology stipend for Common Council members.

Mayor Stutsman opened a public hearing on Ordinance 5100.

Glenn Null of Goshen asked to know the current pay of the City's elected officials and why the proposed pay levels were not available. **Mayor Stutsman** said the ordinance lists the salaries with the 3.5% increase. Null said the paperwork was difficult to read, especially on a cell phone.

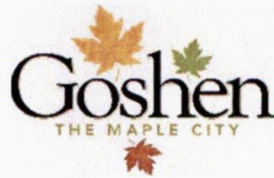
Null said the salaries should be posted on the big screen in the City Council chamber. Null said there were no agendas left when he came into the meeting. Null said that he understands many people want to paperless, but he is not at that point. Null said he didn't even know what the Mayor is paid. **Mayor Stutsman** said for next year, under Ordinance 5100, he will be paid \$3,793 every two weeks and the Clerk-Treasurer will be paid \$2,891.

Null asked about the pay for a year. **Mayor Stutsman** said the ordinance lists the pay by pay period – every two weeks. **Council President Weddell** said the Mayor will be paid \$98,618 for 2022. **Councilor King** said the Mayor also will receive a longevity bonus. **Mayor Stutsman** said the Council added \$5,000 for the Mayor in longevity pay.

Null said the public deserves accurate information. He added that the Mayor doesn't receive as much money as he thought he did. **Mayor Stutsman** said most people think the Mayor receives a higher salary.

Councilor King said she agreed with Null about the value of simple numbers that people can relate to – seeing the salaries in lump sums. She said she personally prefers to see the numbers that way.

Mayor Stutsman said Council members, who essentially serve as the City's board of directors, are paid \$15,000 a year with this raise.



Mayor Stutsman added: "If we look at private companies and what a \$55 or \$60 million private company is paying the CEO, the board of directors and what would be considered our department heads, the salaries would be significantly higher. So, I don't think anyone is here complaining, but just so everybody sees the comparison there." Asked jokingly by **Councilor Nisley** if he was calling for a Council raise, **Mayor Stutsman** responded, "I'm making a comment."

There were no further public comments, so **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on the First Reading of Ordinance 5100. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

Having affirmed the Council's unanimous consent to proceed to the Second and Final Reading, Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5100 on Second and Final Reading. Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5100 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5100 on Second and Final Reading.

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments from the Council. Council President Weddell said the Council was ready to vote. **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on Ordinance 5100 on Second and Final Reading. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

4. Ordinance 5101 (1st/2nd Reading): 2022 Compensation for Civil City and Utilities Employees

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5101 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5101 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Schrock moved for passage of Ordinance 5101 on First Reading.

Mayor Stutsman said Ordinance 5101 was the compensation ordinance for all Civil City and Utilities employees, except for police and fire employees. Besides the 3.5% raise, the Mayor asked **City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann** if there were any significant changes in this year's salary ordinance. City Attorney Stegelmann said an additional holiday was added. Mayor Stutsman said the federal government now recognizes Juneteenth (June 19) as a new national holiday. The Mayor said he suggested Juneteenth be added as an additional City holiday. He said that will give City employees 12 holidays, which is less than Elkhart County, the State of Indiana or the federal government. Asked by **Council President Weddell** if there were any changes in pay grades, **City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann** said there were no other changes for existing positions. **Mayor Stutsman** said he didn't want to make any such pay changes because the City is in the midst of a compensation study and he hopes to have the results in the spring. The Mayor said the study will help City staff develop the 2023 budget.

Councilor King said she appreciated the addition of the Juneteenth holiday, which she said was an important statement to make.

Mayor Stutsman opened a period of public comments.

Glenn Null of Goshen, in reviewing the schedule of pay changes, said he noticed the City Attorney is paid about \$130,000 and the assistant city attorney is paid \$80,000. He asked the name of the assistant city attorney. **Mayor Stutsman** said the City Council just authorized that new position as part of the 2022 budget and the position will be filled in the next few months. Asked by Null about other positions in the Legal Department, the Mayor said those were for contract attorneys. Null also asked about the pay for the four Board of Works members.

Mayor Stutsman said Board of Works members each are paid \$184 every two weeks. **Council President Weddell** said that it adds up to \$4,800 each per year. **Null** said school board members are only paid \$2,000 per year, which he said was "sad."



Mayor Stutsman said the City raised the salaries for Board of Works members last year because they take off time from work every Monday at 2 p.m. and can be in the meeting for as long as two hours. **Null** said he wasn't questioning the amount of pay for Board members.

There were no further public comments, nor questions or comments from Council members, so **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on the First Reading of Ordinance 5101. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

Having affirmed the Council's unanimous consent to proceed to the Second and Final Reading, Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5101 on Second and Final Reading. Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5101 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5101 on Second and Final Reading.

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments from the Council. Council President Weddell said the Council was ready to vote. **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on Ordinance 5101 on Second and Final Reading. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

5. Ordinance 5104 (1st/2nd Reading): 2022 Compensation for Police Reserve Officers

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5104 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5104 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Ordinance 5104 on First Reading.

Mayor Stutsman said Ordinance 5104 was the compensation ordinance for police reserve officers. The mayor said there are only a few scenarios under which the City pays reserve officers and that the ordinance reflects the state's statute. Mayor Stutsman the city helps with a uniform allowance as well as pays for court appearances and provides hazard pay if reserve officers are injured.

There were no public comments, nor questions or comments by Council members, so **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on the First Reading of Ordinance 5104. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

Having affirmed the Council's unanimous consent to proceed to the Second Reading, Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5104 on Second and Final Reading. Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5104 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Ordinance 5104 on Second and Final Reading.

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments from the Council. Council President Weddell said the Council was ready to vote. **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on Ordinance 5104 on Second and Final Reading. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

6. Ordinance 5105 (1st Reading): Ordinance Authorizing the City of Goshen to Issue Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (College Avenue Project) and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5105 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5105 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Ordinance 5105 on First Reading.

Deputy Mark Brinson said Ordinance 5105 was part of the East Goshen Avenue Industrial project, which has been before the Council before. He said the Council was down to the project's final stages – the financing, which involves the City issuing a bond.



Brinson said Jason Semler, a partner with Baker Tilley, has worked with the City Redevelopment Commission throughout the project and was attending the meeting and would make a presentation.

Jason Semler provided a brief overview of the project, the financing and the bond. He said the documents provided with the Council packet set forth the parameters of the bond issue as well as the financing and covenant agreement between the City and Last Dance, LLC, the developer of the College Avenue Project.

In response to a question from **Mayor Stutsman**, **City Attorney Stegelmann** said that if approved on First Reading, the matter will go before the county Economic Development Commission for a public hearing on Nov. 9. Stegelmann said the commission will submit a recommendation and the matter will return to the City Council on Nov. 16.

Noting that Semler had stated that the parties had agreed that the term of the bond repayment should be changed to 21 years from 20 years, **Mayor Stutsman** suggested that amendment be made before a vote on First Reading.

Weddell/Schrock moved that the agreement be amended to reflect the change in the bond repayment from 20 to 21 years.

There were no public comments, nor questions or comments by Council members, so **Mayor Stutsman** called for a voice vote on Council President **Weddell's** amendment to Ordinance 5105. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments by Council members, so **Mayor Stutsman** called for a roll call vote on Ordinance 5105, as amended, on First Reading. The motion passed, 5-1, with Councilors **Eichorn, Nisley, Riegsecker, Schrock** and **Weddell** voting "yes" and Councilor **King** voting "no."

7. Ordinance 5106 (1st Reading): Goshen Water Utility Schedule of Rates and Charges

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5106 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5106 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/King moved for passage of Ordinance 5106 on First Reading.

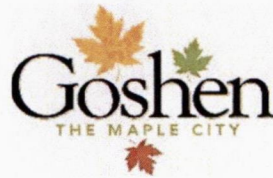
Mayor Stutsman said the proposed water and sewer rate increases have been a long time coming to the Council. He said the City paid for an intensive study of the system to find out where it was at in terms of rates.

City of Goshen Director of Public Works and Utilities Dustin Sailor said there were two proposed ordinances before the Council – proposed rate increases for water and sewer services. He said the last rate increase was about four or five years ago and that future step increases were anticipated. Sailor said the City historically would wait for a period of time and then approve large increases, which were hard on customers to plan for and to manage. He said the current regular increases are easier for rate payers to absorb into their budgets. Sailor said **Alex Hilt**, a Director at Baker Tilley, was at the meeting to make a presentation about the recently-completed water rate study. Sailor said City staff members from the water and sewer departments were also present to answer any questions.

Mayor Stutsman said the City contracted for a study of sewer rates four or five years ago and tonight the Council would learn about the water study. **Sailor** said experts recommend sewer and water rate studies every 10 years.

Alex Hilt of Baker Tilly said tonight's rate proposals were a continuation of plans put in place four years ago by City Utilities to make sure that Goshen was being proactive with its rate design within Utilities and to make sure there weren't emergency projects that needed to be done in the system, resulting in large-scale immediate action. Hilt said 2022 is the last year of the City's plans that had been put in place and approved five years ago.

Hilt said nothing has been done to change what was in that plan for the sewer utility. He said Baker Tilley has just completed a Cost of Service Study on the water utility. Hilt said he completed the last such water study 10 years ago.



Hilt said the city doesn't need significant revenue changes, so changing the cost structure within the water utility works better now because it doesn't create significant rate shocks to users. He said what was found in the cost of service methodology for water was a shift to a variable rate and backing some of the rate out of the fixed fire protection and base meter charge and that is what the calculations are showing. Hilt said customers should be happy because that puts things in their control and the higher variable rates gives them more control by conserving water.

Hilt continued his presentation using a PowerPoint presentation (**EXHIBIT 1**).

Hilt presented the following summary of the key proposed changes in the City's water and sewer rates:

Effective Date	Sewer		Water		Total Change	% Change
	535 CF Bill	Change	535 CF Bill	Change		
January 1, 2021	\$47.46		\$27.49			
January 1, 2022	48.91	\$1.45	27.96	\$0.47	\$1.92	2.6%
January 1, 2023	50.37	1.45	28.76	0.80	2.26	2.9%
January 1, 2024	51.89	1.52	29.28	0.52	2.04	2.6%
January 1, 2025	53.47	1.58	29.87	0.59	2.17	2.7%

Hilt said that under the proposals, there would be less than \$2 in proposed rate changes – basically 50 cents for water and \$1.50 for sewer service for the typical residential bill, although that could fluctuate.

For the sewer utility, **Hilt** said the proposal would not change anything that has been adopted for 2022; those adjustments would just be extended for 2023, 2024 and 2025 to maintain the sewer works and prepare its financial position to address the significant capital needs that have been identified. For the water utility, the proposal would replace the 2022 adopted rate with a move to the cost of service, so there will be a slight change, but there won't be any more revenue collected, and there will be small adjustments in 2023, 2024 and 2025 that will continue to move the City closer to the true cost of service rate design. He said most customer bills won't be adversely affected.

Hilt said there are potential funding programs that would pay for City utility improvements, but their status is uncertain. When the extent of resources becomes better known, Hilt said the City will have a better idea of how to pay for needed water and sewer improvements.

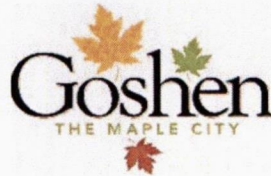
However, **Hilt** said that what is built in the proposed water and sewer rate proposals is designed to meet the City's baseline capital needs, but don't address the collection and distribution needs that have been identified through the City's asset management program. He said other investments will still be needed.

Hilt said that the City will be able keep water rates from rising more because it is only a year from the City paying off the 2009 bond, opening up the possibility for additional bonding to pay for improvements, including a new wellfield in two or three years, with no significant utility rate impact.

Hilt said the "drivers" for potential water and sewer increases are keeping up with operating changes and making sure there is a solid balance for capital, and that the debt component remains stable for both utilities over the next several years. Hilt said he doesn't anticipate the need for major water and sewer rate increases.

Hilt said the water and sewer utilities are in good financial shape and that it's important that they stay that way.

Council President Weddell, commenting on a PowerPoint slide showing the water and sewer rates of Goshen and other communities, said the chart did not take into consideration potential rate increases by others.



Hilt agreed, pointing out that several other communities are anticipating rate increases. He said Goshen compares favorably to other communities and has had proactive approach in managing its water and sewer systems.

Mayor Stutsman praised Dustin Sailor, Wastewater Superintendent Jim Kerezman and Superintendent of Water Treatment and Sewer Collection Kent Holdren and their staffs for their "phenomenal job" of providing quality service and maintaining the city's old infrastructure. He thanked them for their hard work.

Council President Weddell asked Sailor to explain the various meter sizes and the service fees, such as the difference in a 5/8th meter vs. a 4-inch meter. **Sailor** said the costs are based upon the consumption of water. He said each meter has an amount of water that goes through it and additional services, including testing, are required for larger meters. Sailor also acknowledged the work of **Utility Manager Kelly Saenz**.

Mayor Stutsman said Saenz has done a great job the past four years in improving the utility office.

Councilor Riegsecker asked about the rates and the levels they have been. It appeared some rates would decline. After brief responses from **Mayor Stutsman** and **Sailor**, **Hilt** provided a more detailed explanation. He said his most recent study explored the water cost of service, which sought to relate the needs of the utility to the individual drivers and on the needs by customers. It showed increases based on certain specialized services as well as on the availability of the basic service. **Hilt** said the 100-page study examined all those components and showed that the fixed charges were higher than necessary and the flow charges were lower than they should have been.

Mayor Stutsman opened the hearing for public comments.

Glen Null of Goshen said it would be nice to have the Council chamber's monitors working so that audience members could more clearly view the PowerPoint presentation. **Mayor Stutsman** said that was a good point. (City staff then turned the monitors on.)

Null asked about the rates expected for next year. He said some rates appeared to be unchanged, but that the rates for those consuming more water would be lower. **Null** asked about the cost to produce water. **Mayor Stutsman** said water was generated for the same price. **Null** asked what went into the higher prices. **Null** also said that residents don't have an alternative to city service and that 3-4% increases seems too high.

Councilor Nisley advised **Null** that he had reached the three-minute limit for speaking. **Null** responded, "Drop dead. I'm sorry, Doug. Please, I'm trying to drive home a point." **Councilor Nisley** told **Null** the three-minute limit would be enforced for all speakers. **Null** said he would continue his points during the next public hearing on the sewer rates.

Councilor Nisley thanked **Null**.

In response to a request by **Mayor Stutsman**, **Hilt** described the charges. **Hilt** described the tiered rates and other charges. He said major users are charged different rates because in Indiana, water rates are used as an economic development driver to offer larger-scale users lower rates.

Councilor King said the system didn't seem progressive, but actually regressive because higher-demand user were paying lower rates. **Sailor** said the larger users do pay additional charges.

In response to a question from **Councilor Riegsecker**, **Hilt** clarified the rates for higher-demand users. Asked by **Councilor King** about how other states handle this issue, **Hilt** said some western states charge more to reduce high water usage.

Councilor Eichorn said **Null** asked a legitimate question and she appreciated **Hilt's** detailed response.

Hilt said what was not reflected on his chart showing the costs of water in other communities were charges by for-profit providers, which normally charge much more for water.

Councilor King said she appreciated knowing that and asked that **Hilt** add that perspective to the chart next time to educate the Council and the community.



Hearing no further requests for public comments, Mayor Stutsman closed the public hearing.

Council President Weddell asked if the Council could only approve the ordinance on First Reading or whether the Second Reading could also take place tonight. **City Attorney Stegelmann** said public notice has already been given that the Second Reading on the ordinance will take place on Nov. 16.

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments by Council members, so **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on the First Reading of Ordinance 5106. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

8. Ordinance 5107 (1st Reading): Goshen Sewer Utility Schedule of Rates and Charges

Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5107 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5107 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5107 on First Reading.

Mayor Stutsman said Ordinance 5107 would establish sewer rates. He asked if **Alex Hilt** had further comments. Hilt said he did not. **Sailor** said Ordinance 5107 did not have a tiered rate and that City staff could respond to questions. **Councilor King** said she spoke about the ordinance earlier in the day with Sailor. She said it appears there are some major users placing a disproportionate burden on the sewer system and are not paying their fair share. King said she would like further discussion on whether this should continue to occur.

Mayor Stutsman said it appeared the largest users were dairies, but they have made major system improvements.

Councilor King said she understands this, but some customers continue to be significant users of sewer services.

Mayor Stutsman opened a public hearing on Ordinance 5107.

Glenn Null of Goshen apologized to **Councilor Nisley**, to the Council and to others present "for snapping back" in his earlier comment. Null said he "had a flashback of being at a County Commissioner's meeting and I apologize for that." **Councilors Nisley and Weddell** accepted Null's apology.

Regarding sewer services, **Null** asked if the City still had summer rates. He asked that if he needs to water his lawn to keep it green, is there a summer rate for the increased impact on the sewer system? **Sailor** said there is a summer rate. Null said he appreciated that the City has been proactive in its management of the sewer system and is glad that the water and sewer systems remain under public control.

Mayor Stutsman closed the public hearing on Ordinance 5107.

Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre asked if the Mayor had seen the correction to Ordinance 5107 emailed earlier in the day by the Legal Department (**EXHIBIT 1A**). **Mayor Stutsman** said he was unaware of that. Aguirre asked the **City Attorney Stegelmann** whether it would be better for the ordinance to be amended at this point.

Stegelmann said his staff discovered today there were two figures transposed on page three of the ordinance for the surcharges in 2022. He said the surcharge for NH3-N should be \$0.52 and the 2022 surcharge for Phosphate should be \$0.79. Stegelmann also said it would be better for the Council to amend the ordinance now.

Weddell/King made a motion to amend Ordinance 5107, on page three, to correct the transposed figures so that the surcharge in 2022 for NH3-N is \$0.52 the surcharge for Phosphate it is \$0.79. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all council members present voting yes.

There were no public comments, nor further questions or comments by Council members, so **Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on the First Reading of Ordinance 5107, as amended. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."**

9. Ordinance 5108 (1st/2nd Reading): Additional Budget Appropriation



Mayor Stutsman called for the introduction of Ordinance 5108 on First Reading. **Council President Weddell** asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5108 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Eichorn moved for passage of Ordinance 5108 on First Reading.

Ordinance 5108 would authorize the following additional appropriations for 2021:

General Fund

206-530-00-436-0503 FIRE / Overtime \$80,000

Aviation Fund

206-530-00-436-0503 AVIATION / Building Repairs \$26,000

Stormwater Fund

439-530-00-441.0001 STORMWATER / Property Acquisition \$276,000

Mayor Stutsman briefly described the proposed appropriations and said Fire Chief Dan Sink and City Stormwater Coordinator Jason Kauffman would be providing more information.

Council President Weddell asked if it would be possible to separate the three appropriations and consider them individually. **Mayor Stutsman** responded that the Council had a single ordinance before it and could remove an item, but would otherwise need to vote on them together. City Attorney **Stegelmann** concurred and said the appropriate way to proceed would be to amend the ordinance as needed and to then vote rather than splitting it into separate ordinances because only one was presented to the Council tonight. **Mayor Stutsman** suggested hearing all three requests and then deciding how to proceed, removing one of the funding requests if necessary.

City Stormwater Coordinator Jason Kauffman made a presentation about the Stormwater Department's request for an appropriation of \$276,000 to purchase several parcels as part of its flood and draining issue mitigation efforts. He said the City has begun conversations and negotiations to purchase property at 709 W. Plymouth Ave. and the Olive and Center streets wetland.

Kauffman explained the proposal using a PowerPoint presentation titled "Stormwater Fund Appropriation Request for Property Purchases." (**EXHIBIT 2**).

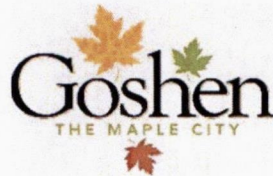
Kauffman said that because of its proximity to waterways, the City periodically experiences flood conditions, and climate changes will only exacerbate their occurrence. He said the City has explored ways to minimize the flooding. Displaying photos depicting recent flooding, Kauffman said structures in the floodways and flood plains continue to be at risk of flooding. So, Kauffman said the city wants to acquire land in the flood plain and remove structures.

Kauffman provided clarifying comments in response to questions from **Councilor Riegsecker** about the ownership of land adjacent to the Olive and Center streets wetland and the proposed uses of the property. In response to a question from **Mayor Stutsman**, Kauffman said the approximate cost of the Olive/Center wetlands would be \$16,900 and about \$250,000 for 709 W. Plymouth Ave. **Councilor King** and **Council President Weddell** both stated that the appraised valuation for 709 W. Plymouth Street seemed too high.

Councilor King said she supported the City's flood control and property acquisition process, but felt the costs for parcels that seemed to be "unbuildable" were too high.

Council President Weddell said if 709 W. Plymouth Ave. is in a flood plain, any construction would need to meet stringent requirements. He said the property appears to be "unbuildable" because of cost constraints, so the appraisals seem out of line. He also questioned the impact of buying the property for flood control.

Councilor Nisley asked if the city might run into problems because one of the properties used to be a city dump and that many things had been buried there that may be problematic. He asked whether the city might have to clean it up at some point. Kauffman said an environmental appraisal would be conducted before any purchase.



Mayor Stutsman said there would need to be another appraisal before a purchase by the city. In response to a question from **Council President Weddell**, the Mayor said the city could offer less than the appraised value, but could not pay more than the appraised amount.

Councilor Riegsecker questioned buying some of the 709 W. Plymouth Avenue property. He also said the City should proceed with caution in buying property.

Councilor Nisley said he would like to have a flood control plan before considering a purchase. He also said he would prefer to remove the funding for property acquisitions from Ordinance 5108.

Council President Weddell said he was not prepared to support the purchase of 709 W. Plymouth Ave. and the Olive and Center streets wetland until he sees a more developed stormwater plan. **Councilor King** said she has heard more concerns about flooding at the Olive and Center streets wetland.

Councilor Schrock said some of the area has been designated as a wetland by the federal government and that development wasn't possible there. **Mayor Stutsman** responded that the Indiana General Assembly sought to reclassify some wetland and might try again next year, and this is why City staff members are concerned – that if declassified, development could take place. In response to a question by **Councilor Nisley**, **Mayor Stutsman** said that if land was declassified, there might be nothing the city could do to stop development near flood plains.

Mayor Stutsman said the City has been interested in the Plymouth Avenue property for quite a while. Any purchase would need to be approved by the City. However, if Council member were still uncertain, Mayor Stutsman suggested that the Council could remove the appropriation for the Plymouth Avenue property and approve the smaller appropriation for the Olive and Center streets wetland. **Councilor King** said this approach would not be a rejection of the Plymouth Avenue purchase, but instead delaying consideration until the Council received more information.

Mayor Stutsman asked if the Council would authorize an appropriation of \$25,000 tonight. **Council President Weddell** asked about the urgency of action tonight. He said he wanted to review the step-by-step framework for land acquisitions first. **Mayor Stutsman** responded that there wasn't an urgency to act immediately, but the property owner could change his mind about selling land to the City.

Mayor Stutsman and **Councilors** discussed options on how to proceed, such as authorizing a purchase agreement. Asked by **Council President Weddell** about the timeline for the Stormwater Department's new framework, **Kauffman** said the plan is being developed and should be ready early next year. **Mattie Lehman**, a stormwater specialist for the City, said the plan will be modeled after a plan from Charlotte, N.C. and will include risk-reduction indices and a prioritization of properties.

Council President Weddell said wants to make sure the proper steps are in place before the City acquires more land for flood control efforts.

Councilor Matt Schrock asked when the Legislature might take action that could affect the city's flood areas. **Mayor Stutsman** said the City should know by March.

Councilor King said she would favor proceeding with the purchase of the Olive and Center streets wetland, but that it might be good to continue studying the Plymouth Avenue property acquisition.

In response to a question from **Mayor Stutsman**, **Kauffman** said the City has about \$1.4 million in reserves for land purchases proposed by the Stormwater Department.

Mayor Stutsman said the City would like to proceed with the purchase of the Olive and Center streets wetland, but would accept a delay by the Council. Asked by **Councilor Riegsecker** about how the City would use the Olive and Center streets wetland if it was purchased, **Kauffman** said it would be left as is and that stormwater runoff would be directed to the site from 9th Street. **Kauffman** said the wetland could also be expanded.



Asked by **Councilor King** about the consequences for neighbors of directing more stormwater to the site, **Kauffman** said the issue would need to be explored. He said the area has long had flooding issues.

Asked by **Youth Advisor Mora** about the impact on the groundwater table of expanding wetlands, **Kauffman** said there might not be much of an impact.

Asked by **Councilor Eichorn** if the property owners might rescind their offer to sell, **Kauffman** said he doubted that would happen. **Mora, King** and **Kauffman** made further comments about the current use of the Olive and Center streets wetland.

Without wanting to take a position on his future votes on proposed appropriations for Stormwater Department purchases, Council President Weddell made a motion to remove the proposed appropriation of \$276,000 for stormwater property acquisitions from Ordinance 5108. Council Nisley seconded the motion. Councilors King and Eichorn said they supported the amendment and affirmed the Council's interest in reviewing more information before voting on the property acquisitions.

There were no comments from the public on the amendment and **Council President Weddell** said the Council was prepared to vote.

Mayor Stutsman asked for a roll call vote on the proposed amendment to Ordinance 5108, the removal of the \$276,000 appropriation for stormwater property acquisitions. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."

The Mayor and Council members thanked Kauffman and Lehman and said they looked forward to learning more. In regard to the Fire Department's request for an additional \$80,000 for overtime pay, **Mayor Stutsman** said City department heads work hard to not return to the Council for additional fund for employee costs. However, he said the Fire Department has had increased costs for overtime because of injuries and surgeries and quarantines due to COVID-19. **Chief Dan Sink** said there also have been retirements and resignations, which drove up overtime costs. **Mayor Stutsman** said he doesn't anticipate this will be a yearly need.

Chief Dan Sink presented Councilors with a memorandum, dated Sept. 9, explaining the Fire Department's increased overtime costs in 2021 (**EXHIBIT 3**)

Regarding the additional \$26,000 requested by the **Aviation Department** for building repairs, **Mayor Stutsman** said the funds would be used to upgrade a home near the airport that is owned and rented by the City and a new card system will be purchased. **Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jeffery Weaver** some funds would be used for a new fuel card reader system that can be used after hours by airport users.

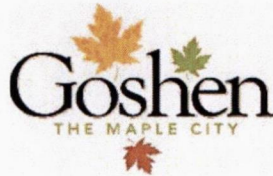
In response to a question from **Councilor Riegsecker**, **Chief Sink** stated that the Fire Department had spent \$150,000 on overtime as of Sept. 9 and was seeking an additional appropriation of \$80,000.

Regarding the airport request, **Councilor Nisley** said the airport has made a considerable amount from fuel sales the past two years, with more planes landing to purchase fuel. Nisley, who said he serves on the Airport Board, also said that the airport is a major asset for the City. Nisley said he hopes the Council will give careful consideration to future airport appropriation requests.

Councilor King noted that Councilor Nisley is a liaison to the Airport Board and not a member. Council President Weddell said the Council was prepared to vote.

Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on First Ordinance 5108, as amended. The motion passed, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."

Having affirmed council assent to proceed to the Second Reading, **Mayor Stutsman** called for the introduction of Ordinance 5108 on Second and Final Reading.



Council President Weddell asked the Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 5108 by title only, which was done.

Weddell/Nisley moved for passage of Ordinance 5108 on Second and Final Reading.

Councilor Riegsecker suggested that in the future, the Council be asked to consider property acquisitions individually and not as part of a larger appropriation. **Mayor Stutsman** said that will be the procedure in the future. There were no further council questions or comments on Ordinance 5108.

Mayor Stutsman called for a voice vote on Ordinance 5108 on Second and Final Reading. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, with all councilors present voting "yes."

Elected Official Reports:

Councilor Nisley provided a brief health update on former Councilor Jim McKee, who recently was diagnosed with a brain aneurism. Nisley said McKee was operated on Nov. 1 in Fort Wayne and that the operation went better than expected. Nisley said a second, smaller, aneurism was detected but nothing will be done about it because doctors believe McKee will be OK without further surgery. Nisley said McKee is now at home, doing well and was anxious to leave home soon. Nisley asked Councilors to keep McKee in their prayers.

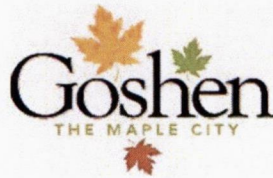
Council President Weddell said the Redevelopment Commission conducted an executive session, but he could not provide details at this point. He said Deputy Mayor Mark Brinson led the meeting and that it went well and was productive. Council President Weddell said more details will be made public soon. He also made the official announcement that at its first meeting in January, the Council will be voting on appointments to city Boards and Commissions. He listed positions that will be open on the Redevelopment Commission, the Community Relations Commission and the Shade Tree Board. He asked that City Communications Coordinator Sharon Hernandez post on the City's website and Facebook page that the positions will be open. **Councilor King** clarified that the Council is not legally required to fill the commission openings. **Council President Weddell** affirmed that understanding and also said that previously appointed board and commission members are allowed to continue serving until their replacements are appointed by the Council.

Councilor Matt Schrock said last week he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and groundbreaking for the Green Oaks of Goshen affordable assisted living complex on North Main Street. Schrock said he spoke to the developer after the ceremony. Schrock said he told the developer this complex will be a great addition to the City's north side. The developer mentioned the complex's amenities. Schrock also said the East Goshen Neighborhood Association will sponsor a chili supper that is free to the public at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Family Worship Center at the Lighthouse, 306 S 27th St. Schrock said all are invited.

Mayor Stutsman said City staff recently completed improvements to North Goshen streets, on the east side of Main Street. He said the City hired a company to mill the streets and put fresh topcoat down. The Mayor said the City spent about \$160,000 to do this. If the City had hired a private company to do all this work, Mayor Stutsman said the City would have spent \$400,000 to \$500,000. The Mayor said this project was part of the quality and efficiency the City is providing. Schrock said many streets were improved and the work was great.

Mayor Stutsman said the City is seeking to do all the work it can without violating a state law that limits the amount of work that can be done in house. He added that the skill level of City staff is increasing and that other streets in Goshen will be improved next year.

In response to a question from **Councilor King**, **Mayor Stutsman** said he plans to attend the upcoming freight mobility meeting by the Michiana Area Council of Governments. **King** said she cannot attend. **Mayor Stutsman** said he is the MACOG board chair this year and he invited councilors to send him comments to pass on at the meeting.



Council President Weddell congratulated **Youth Adviser Mora** and other members of the Goshen High School cross country team for their performance in the state championships. He said the marching band also did well. **Youth Adviser Mora** said the cross country team appreciated the police escort.

Mayor Stutsman said City staff would keep the Council informed about year-end activity, including the last meeting of the year, on Dec. 28, at which the year-end budget transfers will be considered. He also asked councilors to let him know if they would like to be more involved and attend additional meetings or serve as department liaisons.

Clerk-Treasurer Aguirre reported that the State Board of Accounts completed its three-month audit and that the City came out OK, but that no additional information could be reported yet. Aguirre also said that city's general obligation bond went on sale on Nov. 1. He said there were eight bidders in response to the city's A+ rating and that the winning bid was by Banker's Bank. Aguirre added that the City did better than expected on the bond sale.

Adjournment:

King/Eichorn moved to adjourn the meeting. Passed 6-0.

Mayor Stutsman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

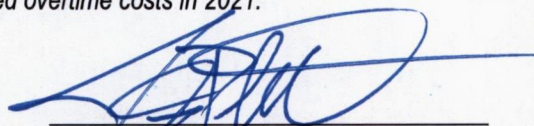
EXHIBIT 1: Nov. 2, 2021 PowerPoint presentation by Alex Hilt, a partner with Baker Tilley – The City of Goshen Sewer and Water Summary.

EXHIBIT 1A: Information submitted by the City Legal Department in support of an amendment to Ordinance 5107.

EXHIBIT 2: PowerPoint presentation, titled "Stormwater Fund Appropriation Request for Property Purchases," presented by City Stormwater Coordinator Jason Kauffman in support of a request for an additional \$276,000 as part of the city's flood and drain issue mitigation efforts.

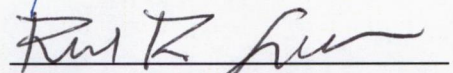
EXHIBIT 3: Memorandum from Chief Dan Sink to City Council members, dated Sept. 9, explaining the Fire Department's increased overtime costs in 2021.

APPROVED:



Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor of Goshen

ATTEST:



Richard R. Aguirre, City Clerk-Treasurer