

**CITY OF AU GRES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, Joe Warr, John Popovich

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, John and Christine Paulsen

1). CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jon Sanford called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted all members present.

3). OPEN PUBLIC HEARING/SALE OF PROPERTY

MOTION (Heinrich) to open public hearing at 7:01 p.m. to hear comments on the sale of 2 city owned lots located at 210 & 216 Mackinaw Street; support (Warr). Motion carried

4). PUBLIC COMMENTS

John & Christine Paulson were present tonight to present an offer of \$20,000 on the 2 city owned lots on Mackinaw Street. City Council was asking \$49,900 based on SEV. John Paulson looked at other vacant lots that have sold in the past in the City and feels that this is a fair offer with another vacant lot selling on Mackinaw Street for \$9500. Corner lot that is bigger he is offering \$13,500 and the smaller lot at \$6500 = \$20,000 offer. They are wanting this property for defensive purposes with not wanting neighbors or businesses to go in their backyard. They would leave property “as-is” vacant and hopes to make their home in Au Gres homesteaded after construction with these vacant lots contiguous with their house.

Warr: 50’ right-of-way on Mackinaw Street’ should we plan for future development and/or sidewalks and put in stipulation of an additional 16’ ROW. Paulson’s are in agreement if future development with sidewalks occur, they would allow this improvement and can write it right in deed instead of doing survey or changing legal descriptions.

5). CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION (Heinrich) to close public comments at 7:15 pm.; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

6). COUNCIL ACTION/SALE OF PROPERTY

Wiltse: If City Council accepts purchase price, City can work with Arenac Realty to write in the deed to retain ROW for future development.

MOTION (Heinrich) to agree to sell both city owned lots at 210 & 216 Mackinaw Street (parcel #200-011-000-200-00 and #200-011-000-205-00) to contiguous property owner John Paulsen for \$20,000 with deed restriction on ROW for future development; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

7). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Warr) to adjourn meeting at 7:23 p.m.; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk