

**Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**Civic Center Community Room**

Present: Mayor Ben Schmidt; Council Members, Duane Adrian, Amanda Voth, Evan Esau, Ariel Kraus, Dean Snelling; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Public Works, Karen Dalke; Police, Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter

Guests: Glenn Hermann, Sam Griffin, Erminio Guerrero, James Kraus

**Call to Order:**

- Mayor Schmidt called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:**

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian to accept the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 15th regular council meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

**Ordinance 304 – Building Code Update**

- **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to adopt Ordinance 304 updating the building, plumbing, and electrical code. Motion carried.**

**Contract Proposal EBH:**

- We discussed the proposed contract with EBH to proceed with a flood study. The terms of the contract are stated as a not to exceed amount with a defined hourly rate in attachment 1. We need to move forward and not leave the project stagnant. Anthony suggested a do not exceed cost along with a cost-plus agreement. No decision was made at this time. Will discuss it with the engineer at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Glenn asked about the dog letter that he received. He did not realize that everyone received this letter and that it is sent out annually. He also felt threatened by being almost hit by a golf cart being driven by a city employee. The police department has the footage, and he has statements and will take his time to review and see if criminal charges need made. Glenn also asked why they aren't questioning why Karen needs a list of signs that need repaired. He also wants to know why we mow around the gas pumps.

**Logo Contest:**

- The council is thankful for the submissions for the logo. The winner of the contest survey was option 15. The council liked this option but would like the background changed and to make sure the font is legible. A thank you plaque and \$50 gift. Consensus was that Jake Schmucker's design won the contest.

**Vision/Mission/Core Values:**

- A Voth took the suggestions that the clerk provided last month. She then modified them to fit the city. These can be edited in any way we just need an idea of where to go. A Kraus like the way it looked. We will look at this again at the next meeting.

**Public Works:**

- Ranger replacement. The Ranger has started knocking and cannot be driven out of town. We need to set an amount to not exceed a certain amount. Use the Ranger if we can before we replace it.
- Lift Station pump went down and it has been removed and taken to Olathe to be repaired. It will be out of service for about 8 weeks. A new one to have on shelf would cost around \$13,000 and is on a 10 week wait.
- Cleaned some sewer lines and we found nothing except underneath Bethesda where we did not line.
- Alarm was on the generator at the lift station. Hammeke Electric submitted a generator maintenance quote to maintain the generator with the necessary work it needs annually. **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to accept the generator maintenance quote with Hammeke Electric, Inc. Motion carried with D Adrian abstaining.**
- Thanked the council for the card and plant for her mother's funeral service.

### Police:

- The vehicle needs to be put in a secure area. It was decided that the shed over by the public works building would be the best place for it. Purple wave the vehicle would be the best option. **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to sell the Dodge Charger on purple wave. Motion carried.**
- Johnson and Meyer are on the docket for tomorrow evening. Johnson was also approached about a dog complaint. He found that the dogs were being watched by her and that she was providing their needs. The one dog was barking, and he warned it could be a nuisance.
- Dodge Charger – there has been no interest in the charger from Anthony's email. Pull the controls out and remove the lights and sell the vehicle.
- Officer application. Michael Sparks has put in an application and has interest in working part-time for the city. His schedule being open and available is handy for the department.

### City Clerk:

- Fireworks: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Noon to 10 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> noon to 11 on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Software: Gave the council an update on the software situation.

### Other Business:

- A. Drinking fountain at the ball diamonds. Chad has asked if the city would consider replacing one of them since it has been broken and off. It is used heavily with sports and it being along the walking path. Mayor Schmidt contacted Goering Hardware about the replacement. He is still waiting on a quote. Hand soap at the ball diamonds bathrooms. Pick some cheap soap.
- B. Sidewalk Ordinance conflict. There is no reference to the state statute that allows the costs to be charged back to the homeowner. An update to reflect the language of the statute would be necessary to fix the conflict. Will work something up to present to the council to make those changes.
- C. Emergency Preparedness Plan Update. Look at section 3/C/2/A. Make an update by removing mayor and city council from this section. Send it out to entities named within it to make sure they are aware of their responsibilities.
- D. Will discuss the survey results at a future meeting.
- E. Compensation for Kacie Schmidt. She talks about the extensive amount of time that it will take her to come up with the community mural for the storage container. Offering her a lump sum for her time would be a good idea.
- F. Rocking alleys. Sam Griffin asked the council to rock the alley that runs behind their home. It floods and gets muddy back there and they would like to see rock put down. Sam asked about splitting the cost of the rock. We don't want to set a precedence of rocking alleys when others have paid for it themselves. City pay and put it down, homeowners pay and city puts it down, homeowners responsible for all work. E Esau suggested that the city will provide the labor for the grading for the initial work and the culvert and drainage and the owners pay for the rock. **E Esau moved, seconded by A Voth that the city provide the labor and grading for the initial alley work and the owners will be responsible for paying for the rock. Motion carried.**
- G. Housing Authority. Reece still thinks that we should not dissolve the board and instead we should find members in the community to serve on the housing authority. Council will ask individuals to see if they can find someone
- H. HF/T-Days. Mini Frisbees for the August Frisbee & Food Trucks. Post it notes to give out at the Summer Daze Festival. Harvest Festival is still moving along. Float for Threshing days to promote the Harvest Festival or some kind of sign that we can put through the parade and then put it out by K15 for promotion.
- I. Animal Control. Mr. Kraus sent an email regarding his offer to serve as a volunteer animal control. The main issue that Reece was concerned about was the insurance. He did not have any flags about James using his own equipment or vehicle. After review, the city has adequate insurance coverage in the event an incident occurred. He would report to the police chief. Anthony feels that an animal being taken to the lagoon ponds it would be out of city limits. It would be at his discretion when an animal would need to be

dispatched. Where to discard the dispatched animal. Dogs can be taken to the Hillsboro Animal Hospital. Cats can be taken to the humane society in Newton. He will keep a log of any animal that he gets dispatched or that gets taken to the pound. Ariel does not want animals dropped off at her house. What should we do regarding building inspection and code enforcement. It feels as though a list request is just a stall tactic. Move forward with the 2 properties that have requested a list.

- J. Laser Quote. D Adrian presented a quote for the laser that he feels the city should have. The whole package would cost around the \$4,300 mark. They will also provide training on how to use the laser. He recommends going by 10ths. We will need a different bucket for the backhoe as well. It would cost around \$1,300 for a new bucket. **D Adrian moved, seconded by A Voth to purchase the 13' pole laser. Motion carried. D Snelling moved, seconded by E Esau to purchase a 12" bucket not to exceed \$1,350. Motion carried.**
- K. Micro-surfacing Main Street. Mayor Schmidt, Karen and the clerk met with the representative for the company hired to micro-surface some county roads. The representative suggested that we not waste our money. He said that if we can get chip and seal done for free from the county that would be what we should continue to do. It would cost around \$60,000 and would provide no more benefit than a chip seal.
- L. The final version of the Nex-Tech cell tower contract has been presented for the council's review. **E Esau moved, seconded by A Kraus to accept the water tower lease as written. Motion carried with A Voth abstaining.**

**Executive Session:**

- **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss attorney matters with Mayor, Council, and attorney present. Motion carried.**
- **Returned to regular session at 9:48**
- No decisions were made following the executive session.

**Adjournment:**

- **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried.**

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Ben Schmidt, Mayor

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Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk