

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., Jan. 10, 2022
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Dave Schrag; Council Members Evan Esau, Ben Schmidt, Dean Snelling, Duane Adrian, Kevin Klassen;
Public Works Karen Dalke, Ron Plenert; City Clerk Jennifer Bliss; Police Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter

Guests: Joseph Uhlman – City Attorney; John Stucky

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept the consent agenda with included the minutes of the Dec. 20th regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Appointments:

- Mayor Schrag thanked the council for his time as Mayor and was presented a certificate and thank you card for all his years of service. Mayor Schrag then stepped down from his position as Mayor.
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by E Esau to accept the resignation of Ben Schmidt as a council member. Motion carried.**
- City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mayor Ben Schmidt.
- Re—elected council members Duan Adrian and Evan Esau were given the oath of office by Mayor Schmidt.
- There is now a vacant seat on city council. Council discussed four names that would be suitable candidates to take the vacancy. Mayor Schmidt will get a statement of interest from each candidate and a selection will be made in the coming months. The four names that were discussed were Cindy Gaddis, Ariel Kraus, Amanda Voth, and Mike Jost.

Cargo Container Ordinance:

- After last months discussion on the proposed ordinance, attorney Joseph Uhlman made the discussed changes and presented the updated ordinance at this council meeting. The Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 296.
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by E Esau to adopt Ordinance 296 regarding the permitting of cargo containers. Motion carried.**

Proposed Water Line Ordinance:

- The proposed ordinance would clarify who is responsible for installing water lines when new service is being ran to a lot located within city limits. The current code makes it sound as though the owner of the lot is responsible for running the service at their own expense. This ordinance would make the city responsible for so many feet and then any additional will be the lot owners' responsibility. Attorney Uhlman is going to reach out and see what other local communities are doing. We will then discuss at the next meeting.

Public Works:

- The water tower had an issue on January 2nd. A line froze causing an issue with the communication with the wells.
- Replaced an hour meter on the new lift station.
- Put salt down when it was needed.

Park:

- John Stucky came to update the council on the disc golf course. The baskets are all installed and t-signs are installed for the front 9 holes. Some trees were taken out around one of the baskets. John asked that the city replace them because they made the hole more difficult to play.

City Clerk:

- Reminded the council that the February meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd due to President's Day.
- Garage sales date will be determined next month. City-wide cleanup is scheduled for July 23rd.
- Berkshire Hathaway is not going to renew out insurance policy. Our insurance broker is going to market the city to a few other companies to get quotes to replace Berkshire Hathaway.
- Working on year-end closing.
- We have not discussed utility rates at this point. The funds did better than projected last year so clerk did not see a need at this time to raise rates. Council briefly discussed and we will keep an eye on the funds and make a decision in the near future if things are needing increased.

Improvement and Reserve Funds Resolutions:

- Reviewed the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund Resolution, the Equipment Reserve Resolution, the Capital Improvement Park Fund Resolution, the Capital Improvement Streets Fund Resolution, the Water Reserve Fund Resolution and the Sewer Reserve Fund Resolution with 5-year projections.
- **E Esau moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept Resolutions 22-01, 22-02, 22-03, 22-04, 22-05 and 22-06 pertaining to the Capital Improvement and Reserve Funds as written. Motion carried.**

Other Business:

- A letter was submitted to the council asking the city to help fund a portion of the Bethesda Bridge project. It was noted that Bethesda attended a council meeting and discussed their going for a grant to cover the bridge. Council decided if for some reason Bethesda does not receive the grant, at that time they will discuss and amount to help replace the bridge.

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by K Klassen to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.**

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk