

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., September 19, 2022
Civic Center Community Room

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

Guests: Diann Richards, Bill Froese, Creighton Remus, Ariel Kraus, Lavina Schroeder, Diane Vera, Terri Foth, Ron Plenert, Goessel Community Foundation

Call Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing to Order:

- Mayor Schmidt called the rate hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Public was present for the rate hearing but there were no comments.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to adopt Resolution 22-08 allowing the city to exceed the revenue neutral rate if needed. Motion carried.**
- Revenue Neutral Rate hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

Call Budget Hearing to Order:

- Mayor Schmidt called the budget hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Public was present for the budget hearing but there were no comments. A Voth and D Snelling asked some questions about the budget that were answered by the clerk.
- **E Esau moved, seconded by D Snelling to adopt the proposed budget as written. Motion carried.**
- Budget hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

Call Regular Meeting to Order:

- Mayor Schmidt called the regular council meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian to accept the minutes from the July 18th regular council meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Diann Richards:

- The garage has been removed. 4 trips have been made to the dump. Vegetation has been removed. The rest is not theirs. They are in the process of getting the house cleaned up to be ready to be sold. Between materials and contractors there is no availability for the next 6 months. They are hoping a contractor would help with the south side of the home. They are going to take care of the porch themselves. The contractor would also take care of getting the windows weathertight. Our attorney needs to get with hers to discuss the boxcar.

Ducks:

- Bryce Ledford and his Hayley Johnson are asking for a variance to allow them to keep their ducks. They currently have 3 and would like to keep them. They did not know that they were not allowed otherwise they would have asked for a variance before they bought them. They hoped to keep them to have the eggs from them. Her plan would be to possibly get a few more females to try to get eggs. Come up with an agreement between the city and them to allow the variance and making it specific for the records.
- **E Esau moved, seconded by D Snelling to allow a variance to Ordinance 260 section 1c to allow female and male ducks and no breeding. Motion carried.**

Nex-Tech:

- Creighton is with Nex-Tech and they have licensing to expand their services to this area. They are looking at putting an antenna on the water tower to provide 5G cell phone service to the community. There is concern about the radio frequency and electromagnetic fields surrounding the antenna. The FCC heavily regulates these items and he believes they are very safe. They will also provide their own electricity. They run 2 7/8" fiber cables up to the equipment. Once given the green light they would be able to start work immediately. Reviewed some of the changes that Mr. Uhlman suggested in the proposed contract.

Bill Froese – Temporary Use Permit :

- Until the grandfathered issue is resolved he would like a variance to not get a temporary use permit. He would like to keep the trailer there to make it easier during the July 4th season. The trailer currently has fireworks in the trailer. They have put the proper signage on it to let people know what the trailer contains. They have done the best to try and make it look the best and hide it. Bill changed the request to allow a variance permanently to the ordinance to keep the trailer there all the time. The intent is to continue to set up fireworks tent every year that they are able to. Joe suggests that we table this for now and take a moment to go over the ordinance before a decision is made.

Goessel Community Foundation

- 4 members attended a disaster meeting. They received the opportunity to present a grant for \$1,000 disaster funds. No applications were received. They put their heads together and decided that a flood disaster plan. They suggested someone be hired to write up a comprehensive plan on flood control and flood prevention options for the community. They are seeking our partnership and approval to allow them to submit the application to get the grant to start to seek ways to remedy flooding problems. At this point we are not committing to anything. Council felt it was a good idea to at least start seeking the funds to fix the problem.

Took a quick recess.

Reconvened after a quick recess.

New Council Member:

- Chad responded to the questions asked of potential members to the council. The council is considering which member to assign to the council. Mayor Schmidt proposes that we appoint Ariel Kraus as the new council member.
- **All in favor of adding Ariel Kraus to the council 3-1. With Duane opposed.**

Library air conditioner quote:

- Discussed the quote with Goering Hardware.
- **E Esau moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept the quote from Goering to replace the entire air conditioning system for the library. Motion carried.**

Spending Policy:

- Discussed changing the spending limits on the cards.
- **E Esau moved, seconded by A Voth to raise the credit card limits to \$10,000 for city clerk and \$7,500 for public works. Motion carried.**

Nuisance Properties:

- Discussed moving forward with the nuisance procedure on Penny Morgan. She has not made any progress as recently has been discussed.
- The Johnsons' have also not made any progress since the last meeting. Need to talk to them again and stress that we want to see progress and keep them on fixing up the property.
- Joe Base had a rent to own with Steve Meyer and he does not feel that he should be responsible. However, Joe is the owner on record and he would need to be the one responsible for the nuisance procedure. Continue with the process.

Public Works:

- Should we advertise the old disc golf baskets that are currently sitting on John Stucky's property? Ask the school if they are interested in taking the baskets.
- Putting in water meters.
- Bethesda is putting in an RV park on the Northeast end of their property behind the duplex property.
- Would like to buy a tailgate generator that would be handy to use. We have currently been using Dave's and having our own would be the best.

Police:

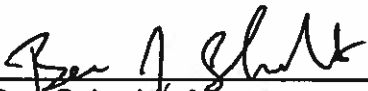
- Received a few traffic complaints so he is trying to be more present.
- Sheriff's office was called for a burglary in progress that was not.
- Traffic complaint about motorcycles racing up and down Main Street.
- Aaron and Kaylan have been working some. Anthony has been working on nuisance violations.
- Racial and Other Bias based policing policy has been written.

Park/Recycling:

- Recycling was brought up. Our county commissioner has said that at this time the county is not doing the bins. Trailers are in the \$20,000 range. It is also a \$230 fee per ton to get rid of it. It is important to look up other options. Look into waste connections and see if they offer roll offs for that purpose.

Adjournment:

- A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.



Ben Schmidt, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk