

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Wed., September 13, 2023
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Evan Esau; Council Members Duane Adrian, Amanda Voth, Dean Snelling, Ariel Kraus, Sam Griffin; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert

Absent: Public Works, Karen Dalke

Guests: Glenn Herman, Odell Willis, Darin Neufeld – EBH Engineering

Call to Order:

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

Consent Agenda:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting and the shortened minutes from the September 6th special meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Appoint Sam Griffin to Council:

- Mayor Esau administered the oath of office to Sam Griffin.
- A Voth is willing to serve as the council president.
- **D Adrian moved, seconded by D Snelling to have Amanda Voth serve as the council president. Motion carried with Amanda abstaining.**

Handbook Policy Updates:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Adrian to enter executive session to consult with the attorney to 20 minutes. Motion carried.**
- Returned to at 8:20
- **A Kraus moved, seconded by D Snelling to enter executive session to consult with the attorney for 15 minutes. Motion carried.**
- Returned to normal session at 8:45
- No decision was made after the executive session.

Park/Flood Project:

- Darin presented updates on the flood project. 730 acres is the amount of land area that is collected in the creek. 700 CF of water per second the concrete box will only allow 180 CF through. 7.8 inches in any 24 hour period represents the 100 year flood. Draining into the school side 390 CF per second coming of 320 acres. It can likely handle about 90 CF per second. Discussed some of the options that could help the problem.
- He also presented a master plan for the park updates.

Ordinance #305 Standard Traffic Ordinance:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Voth to adopt Ordinance #305 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance 50th edition. Motion carried.**

Ordinance #306 Uniform Public Offense Code:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Voth to adopt Ordinance #306 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code 39th edition. Motion carried.**

Truck Bids:

- Discussed truck bids. Mayor Esau still prefers the option for the new truck. If you can have a new one with a warranty and no miles on it for \$10,000 more it is worth it. The 2014 F-150 from Hutchinson seems to be the preference for the city.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Kraus to purchase the 2014 F-150 for \$16,179. Have it checked over to make sure it is good to go once we purchase it. Put a deposit down on the vehicle, Duane and Anthony will work out a schedule to look at it for final approval. Jennifer and the dealership will work on the financing to make sure the balance is taken care of. Motion carried.**

Police:

- Nuisance properties. The city is moving forward with our current nuisance property cases.
- Mayor Esau sent out a couple of job listings to show examples of what others that are recruiting officers are posting and offering. Anthony does not want the pay to be the motivation for someone to apply for the position. Pay should be commensurate with their experience. Look into KP&F to see if it could be something that we should offer. Decision to see what interest we have in a full-time position.

Clerk:

- Reece will get information to Jennifer for Shannon Nickel to see if she has any interest in being the backup clerk.

Other Business:

- Building inspection/code enforcement. James Masters was interested and there would need to be an update on our codes. Douglas Dick is not able to help doing code inspections due to his current affairs.
- Housing authority. Mayor Esau has found some interested members of the board. We are waiting on viewing the by-laws so that we can give the correct information to interested parties.
- Christmas events and how does the city want to be involved. Let's move forward with helping FCCLA with the tree lighting. Also doing the light contest again this year same as we did last year.

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by D Snelling to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried.**

Evan Esau, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk