

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., October 17, 2022
Civic Center Community Room

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

Absent:

Guests: Bruce Fisher – Blue Valley Public Safety, Matt Voth – Fire Chief

Call to Order:

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

Consent Agenda:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Voth to accept the minutes from the September 19th regular council meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Appoint Ariel Kraus to council:

- Mayor Schmidt administered the oath of office to Ariel Kraus.
- Evan was selected as the president of the council.

Tornado Siren Quotes:

- Bruce Fisher attended the meeting to discuss the quote they submitted for the tornado siren replacement. He represents Blue Valley Public Safety from Grain Valley, MO. They are the selected representatives for Federal Signal Corporation. They will provide anything from installation to service if they are selected to provide a new siren system for the city. They have about 80% of the sirens in the State of Kansas. He gave a breakdown about the options that we have and the advantages and disadvantages. There will be an \$800 credit since they will be able to utilize the current pole that is out there. We could still get a uhf/vhf compatible radio and use that to set off the siren. We will need to work with the FCC to get a license to operate the radio since we have already lost the license for the old radios. The department would like to have 2 of these radios and would be willing to purchase one themselves. Every 3-4 years batteries are suggested to be changed. 10-12 weeks to get the equipment once ordered. After that it would take around 2 week for install.

Bill Froese – Container Variance:

- Mr. Uhlman discussed with Mr. Froese since the last council meeting. Mr. Froese would like to have a variance to allow him to keep the container there. Mr. Uhlman can write a non-conforming use permit to allow him to keep the current container there without any expansion. It was asked if the tires on top could be removed to perhaps make it look nicer. We have the ability to put any stipulations in the variance if we would allow it. Have the art class decorate it to make it look less like a container. The council could vote on what they like and the attorney could write it up and Bill could either sign it or not depending on whether he agrees. Tires removed, sides painted or landscaping to enhance appearance, no expansion.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Voth to approve a variance with the stipulations that the tires be removed, the sides be painted by the end of the 2024 school year, no expansion, all conditions must be maintained to current status, must comply with all state and federal laws and regulations, and if it is not used for 2 consecutive years the variance will be considered abandoned, any annual container permitting fees are also waived. Motion carried.**

Nex-Tech:

- There is interest in having the antenna so they do want to pursue this as an option.

Recycling:

- Waste Connections & Nisly Brothers submitted quotes to provide recycling service. Talk to people in the community to get some opinions.

Public Works:

- Lyle Christ has complained about Melody Halls place. There are rodents and since it has been sitting empty it is becoming run down. Have Ben Steketee come and inspect the property.
- Kyle Funk inquired about having containers put on his property.
- Noon whistle is not working.
- Sewer sample frequency will be increasing due to non-compliance with state regulations.

Police:

- Joe Base & Penny Morgan are getting served notices to appear in court in November.
- The Johnson's are planning on working on the roof this weekend. They are keeping in contact and when able will work on making the building look better.
- Diann Richards-Root is working on the property. Mr. Uhlman is comfortable with the plan and the progress that has been made so far.

Streets:

- We are needing materials for the streets. Karen asked what we should put on them. Council would like millings. She will call Hesston to see if we can get some from them.

Park:

- After discussing the bridge and what would need to be done in order to build the bridge, it was decided that a bridge should not be pursued.
- Decision to scrap the old disc golf baskets.

Clerk:

- The Goessel Community Foundation was awarded the \$1,000 to start an engineering study.

Other Business:

- The fire department is going to be setting up to give out candy and glowsticks. First responders would like to give out candy and band aids. Look into buying the band aids for them.

Adjournment:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.**

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk