

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., June 22, 2022
Civic Center Community Room

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

Guests: John Stucky

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by Dean Snelling to accept the consent agenda with included the minutes of the May 16th regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Disc Golf Update:

- All the construction of the disc golf has been completed. Several people have tried it out and we have had positive feedback. He is wondering about a bridge over the creek to allow players to get to the other side. When we discussed this previously we talked about it being a blue line stream and having to have engineering to put in a bridge. He suggested perhaps paving an area that follows the contour to allow players to get across. He thinks that only one bridge would be necessary if it was centrally located. What are out limitations with blue line streams? Is engineering required? Regulations to comply with the flow of water?
- Putting a tree in front of hole 9. A cedar and red bud have already been put in. There is a lot of poison ivy around the hole and it has been sprayed as well.

Emergency Plan Update/Tornado Siren:

- There is a section of the emergency plan that needs to be rewritten if there is a change in the operation of the tornado siren to be able to set them off with radios. We reviewed the quotes to update the siren to go off with 800mhz radios. There was a quote for a radio to control the siren and then a quote for the company to come out and install the needed parts for the tornado siren to communicate with the radios. Would county want to go in on a project to set up all cities with sirens to go off via the radios. Quote a brand new system to replace the current siren. Tabled until more information is available.

Nuisance Properties:

- The Johnsons' were supposed to have significant progress by June. Their deadline has passed so it is up to the council to determine where they would like to head next. Need to get back with them and trying to get them back on the fixing the property. Move forward and let them know we are serious about getting cleaned up. Send them a second notice
- Made contact with someone who on Buller Street about their yard needing mowed. The gentleman does mow portions and is leaving other portions to be seeded. Officer Voth will make contact to see if progress can be made.
- Steve Meyer has made a lot of changes that we have asked him to clean up after he met with the attorney and the Mayor.
- Served Penny Morgan with a notice since she has not yet made progress on her home. Will talk to her again in August.
- The 6 month grace period for shipping containers has ended. Ordinance violations will need to be written once we find out when that grace period ends.
- Issued a notice for an inoperable vehicle. Have Anthony serve a court date notice for appearance.

Recreation Commission Update:

- Chad does know that the grant (Justin Schrag wrote original grant) for the ball diamonds stated that the restrooms must be open. He does know with the agreement with the city the only thing the commission has not been doing is providing paper products and soap. Would like to see the document that stipulates the locking of the doors.
- The recreation commission also does not want to take on the building themselves.
- What are the issues between the council and the recreation commission? Amanda wondered if Chad would be willing to come to discuss how we can get along and work together.
- What would be their plan to help prevent the vandalism? Ben did not ask him directly.
- The recreation commission is under the umbrella of both the city and school according to the statutes. The school is the taxing authority. Since the city is the owner of the building Joe believes we would be able to lock it at night. No trespassing after 9:00p.m.. If someone sees something call dispatch and they would likely call Anthony to check it out.

Public Works:

- Started replacing water meters, burnt burn site, cleaned ditch on Prospect and Buller.
- Fogged for mosquitos and put out mosquito dunks.
- Culvert on Marion and Wheat Street
- Trimmed trees at lagoon ponds
- Graded Streets
- Cleaned bathrooms at parks.
- Talked to Brice Goebel about State Street. They are coming to town to do some patching so they will work on State Street when they come to town. Will chip & seal Main Street when they come as well. Karen put rock in the holes to get by until the county comes in.

Police:

- Criminal damage case he has been working on that he will run through municipal court since it is a misdemeanor criminal damage charge. Replace the light through restitution
- Active shooter training and looking into new regulations for these situations. ALICE training \$750 3-day class that Anthony would like to attend. Run, hide, fight is no longer the standard of care. He will be willing to write an active shooter plan for the school. He would then pass the information on to the next suitable replacement for his position
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian to approve up to \$1,500 in expenses that would include mileage, hotel expenses, and cost of the ALICE training.**
- Has had little interest in people wanting a job. We should be putting a minimum hours required to make sure the officers we are hiring are actually putting in time for us. Consensus to put a minimum of 4 hours per month.
- Sturdi Bilt will be out Friday to quote putting in and framing a door for the carport.

City Clerk:

- City-wide cleanup will by July 23rd.
- Fireworks will be permitted on 7/1 and 7/2 8 am – midnight, 7/3 noon – midnight, and 7/4 8am – 11:00pm.

Other:

- The Hazard Mitigation Plan consensus was to participate in the county wide hazard mitigation plan.
- Discussed proposing a chicken ordinance once again.
- Kevin submitted his notice of resignation. He suggested Ariel Kraus to be his replacement on council. She would be a connection with Bethesda and would be a new set of eyes.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by K Klassen to approve Kevin's resignation. Motion carried.**

Executive Session:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Adrian to enter executive session to consultation with an attorney for 20 minutes with council and attorney present. Motion carried**
- Return to normal session at 8:06. No action taken after executive session.

Adjournment:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.**

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk