

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., July 18, 2022

Civic Center Community Room

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

Absent: Dean Snelling; Police Anthony Voth

Called to order at 6:02 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **E Esau moved, seconded by A Voth to accept the consent agenda with included the minutes of the June 22nd regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Vacant Council Seat:

- Mayor Schmidt has spoken to Ariel Kraus about the position. Ariel still has interest but would like to observe a meeting before deciding to commit to anything. She plans to attend at the August meeting. Item tabled.

Ordinance 300 - Chickens:

- A Voth would like the community to attend the meeting to give their suggestions for and against chickens. This matter is tabled to next month to allow for public comment. Clerk will post a notice to Facebook.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing:

- Will hold this hearing at the regularly scheduled council meeting on September 19th at 6:00 p.m. prior to the budget hearing.
- **D Adrian moved, seconded by A Voth to allow the city clerk to notify the county clerk about the cities intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried.**

Nuisance Properties:

- The Johnsons were served again. 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.
- 219 Buller was inspected and notice will be served to have the property cleaned up.
- The 6-month grace period for shipping containers has ended. Ordinance violations will need to be written to those who are not complying with the ordinance.

Public Works:

- Replaced some water meters.
- Had the county patch State Street.
- Sturdi Bilt came out and quoted putting a garage door on the carport. The cost would be \$4,600 to do so. Table this for next month.
- Had a chlorine leak that has been repaired.
- Fixed the relay at the water wells to get them to alternate correctly.
- Fixed the noon whistle. There was a part that burned up that caused it to malfunction.

City Clerk:

- Discussed parade candy and how much was needed for the members that wanted to drive through the parade.
- Waiting for a quote on a new siren system. There are grant opportunities available. The USDA rural development seems to be the most attractive option for us. They will cover 75% of the cost and leave 25% for us to cover.
- TravelKS reached out wanting to know if the city would be interested in advertising themselves on the TravelKS website. The cost would be either \$100 or \$200 per month for 12 consecutive months depending upon which placement the city was to choose. No decision was made at this time.

Executive Session:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to enter executive session to consultation with an attorney for 30 minutes with council and attorney present. Motion carried**
- Return to normal session at 7:12. No action taken after executive session.

Other Business:

- Briefly discussed Claude's situation. The attorney suggested we require sewer service since we have a vested interest in making sure that grey water gets where it is supposed to go. Will work on the language of the sewer code to clear up some of the confusion about sewer service and also make it a required charge regardless of water service.

Adjournment:

- D Adrian moved, seconded by E Esau to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk