

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2022
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Ben Schmidt; Council Members Amanda Voth, Evan Esau, Ariel Kraus, Duane Adrian, Dean Snelling; Public Works, Karen Dalke; Asst. City Clerk, Leda Graybill; Police, Anthony Voth; City Attorney, Joe Uhlman; Free Press Reporter

Guests: Jonah Goering

Called to order at 5:02 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **Amanda Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept the minutes of the November 21st regular meeting as amended and the monthly financial statements. Motion carried.**

Christmas Light Contest:

- Council discussed the candidates for the Christmas light contest. 1st place was awarded to Rick & DJ Freeman and 2nd place to Scott & Amy Rosfeld.

Public Works:

- Spread rock, graded streets, burned brush pile, took care of equipment maintenance.
- Email from Bryce Goebel regarding micro surfacing of county roads in 2023 and wanting to know if any interest by local towns to have work done. This would be an option for Main Street in Goessel.

Police:

- A Voth recommended we find a better way to deal with habitual nuisance properties and delinquent pet tags rather than utilizing police time on them. Discussed mailing notices and citations with follow-up through the municipal court. This would apply to nuisance violations such as tall grass, abandoned vehicles, appliances and delinquent pet tags.
- Kaylan Miles has resigned as part-time officer.
- KHP may have a fleet vehicle available for purchase in March for approximately \$29,985. Our name is on the list but we are not committed to make the purchase. He requested a 4WD and we would need to get graphics for it. The current vehicle has approximately 60,000 miles and there should be a market to resale it.

Park:

- We have received a quote from Schwab Eaton, an engineering firm, to do the preliminary report for the CDBG grant application for park improvements.

Other Business:

- Updates on nuisance properties:
- M Hall – J Uhlman has tried to make contact. No response yet. If can reach her will discuss option of deeding property over to the city.
- Richards property – they are putting siding on the boxcar. They intend to start repairs on the house next.
- Johnson property – They are trying to get materials that match to finish the roof repairs.
- P Morgan property – Penny requested a list of items she would need to address. We will need an inspector to make that list.
- S Meyer/J Base – property transfer is in progress.
- Attorney for city. We can choose to remain with Adrian and Pankratz as our firm with a primary representative assigned to us. J Uhlman has been appointed to the bench and will not be able to continue as our attorney.
- Jonah Goering, County Commissioner attended meeting to listen, introduce himself and make himself available for any questions or comments. He provided more information concerning the micro surfacing to be done in 2023. It provides a $\frac{3}{4}$ " overlay, is smooth and much less expensive than chip and seal.
- Drainage issues after heavy rains were discussed. J Uhlman will look into what it takes to establish a 3-mile zone of influence for the city to have some say in county planning and zoning in this area. Amanda Voth will draft a letter on the council's behalf for landowners south of Goessel to see if they would be willing to work with the city in clearing creeks of trees and brush that block flow. Also discussed whether a detention pond north of town would be helpful and what that would involve.

Christmas Bonuses:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by Duane Adrian to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employee Christmas bonuses.**
- **Return to normal session at 6:15pm.**
- **Amanda Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to give full-time employees, Karen Dalke and Jennifer Bliss, a \$300 Christmas bonus and part-time employees, Ron Plenert, Dave Schrag, Kaylee Penner, Anthony Voth and Leda Graybill, will receive a \$75 Christmas bonus. Motion carried 5-0.**

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by Amanda Voth to adjourn at 6.16 p.m. Motion carried.**

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk