

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., August 21, 2023
Civic Center Community Room

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

Guests: Glenn Herman, Matt Voth, Sam Griffin

Call Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the revenue neutral rate hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Public was present for the rate hearing but there were no comments.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to adopt Resolution 23-08 allowing the city to exceed the revenue neutral rate if needed. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Revenue Neutral Rate hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

Call Budget Hearing to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the budget hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Public was present for the budget hearing but there were no comments. A Voth and D Snelling asked some questions about the budget that were answered by the clerk.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Voth to adopt the proposed budget as written. Motion carried.**
- Budget hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

Call Regular Meeting to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept the minutes amended to include discussion about the sewer code from the July 17th regular council meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Matt Voth attended a Region G Hazard mitigation meeting and brought the information to the council that he learned. He discussed funding that could be available for us to help with the flooding mitigation project. The HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) would likely be an avenue for funding we could use. There is an update being made to the Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan and it will include Goessel's flooding issues as one of the points in the document. Since Goessel's flooding will be listed that should help us secure funding when the time comes.

Park/Flood Project:

- Gave a brief update from the engineer on the status of both projects. Darin Neufeld with EBH hopes to have all pertinent information together and ready to present at the September meeting.

Vacant Council Seat:

- Mayor Esau would like to enter executive session to discuss the vacant seat.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Snelling to enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters and consultation with an attorney.**
- Returned to normal session after the 15 minute executive session.
- The council would like to move forward with filling the vacancy and have called a special meeting on September 6th at 6:00 to hold interviews with Sam Griffin and Doug Orpin to determine the next council member. Council has also moved the regularly scheduled council meeting for September to Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm.

Ranger/Truck Replacement:

- The idea of listing the Ranger and Charger on PurpleWave was brought up. **A Voth moved, seconded by A Kraus to list the Ranger and the Charger on PurpleWave. Motion carried.**

- D Adrian asked if we really should be spending this kind of money on a vehicle. He would rather purchase a \$15,000 used pickup like a Ranger for the purposes that he understands it would be used for. Replace Ranger with a Ranger or something similar. **D Adrian moved, seconded by A Voth to stay under \$18,000 for a Ford Ranger, Chevy Colorado, or GMC Canyon with automatic transmission, a/c, extended cab, with around or less than 90,000 miles, and power steering put out to bid to Hillsboro Ford, Conklin Cars, Revolution Auto, and Midway Motors to be reviewed at next council meeting. Motion carried.**

Executive Session:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Adrian to go into executive session for 10 minutes for a consultation with attorney and personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried.**
- No action taken at this time.

Planning & Zoning – Notification Area:

- Duane and Evan attended the county planning and zoning meeting and were able to get the county to extend the notification area to ½ mile further than originally proposed.

Public Works:

- Sewer pump is being rebuilt. Ordered culverts. Graded streets. Repaired a water leak on Saturday, had to dig it back up today and tighten the clamp.
- Backhoe overheating. Steve Barden suggested started with changing the thermostat. After that we would need to look at a sensor issue.
- Karen is the only certified operator and if there is a reason that she would be gone there would not be anyone to cover her that is certified. Dean suggested talking to another city for an as needed person to help when Karen is gone. But to have an employee that is trained specific to this city that could take over once she retires.

Police:

- Nuisance properties. There are 3 cases on the docket for trial in September.
- Mark worked Threshing Days and was able to block traffic from entering Main Street.
- Ran traffic, issued a dog at large, and made a DUI arrest.
- Discussion has been held regarding a full-time officer position and what that would look like. There is also the option to hire a position that could fill both the public works and police position.

Clerk:

- Golf tournament sponsorship **A Voth moved, seconded by D Adrian to donate \$250 to the community foundation for the golf tournament. Motion carried.**
- KANCAP reminder for the city council.
- Backup clerk run a general ad to see if there is any interest.

Other Business:

- Building inspection/code enforcement. James Masters was interested and there would need to be an update on our codes.
- Housing authority. There currently hasn't been much interest to serve on the board. The names that were brought up to potentially serve on council could be contacted to see if they have interest in the housing authority.

Adjournment:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by A Voth to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.**

Evan Esau, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk