

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Mon., Jan. 11, 2021

Zoom

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

Guests: James Voth

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept the consent agenda with included the minutes of the Dec. 21st regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

James Voth – Ratzlaff Building:

- In 2007 James fixed the drainage issues in front on the Ratzlaff building by putting in curb and a concrete parking area. The city had to dig it up and fix a water leak and put the concrete back and it is unlevel and he would like to have it addressed. The council has discussed this issue over the past few months and never came to a decision as to who would pay for the repair. Mayor Schrag briefly mentioned that a project to fix Main Street would also be used to fix some areas along Main Street. He also estimates that it would be around \$800 to get it fixed and suggested splitting the cost with James. James suggested replacing the water line completely underneath that way it won't have to be dug up again. Dean suggested we go ahead and fix it now and then once we do a Main Street project then we will replace the line at that time and fix it once more.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian to fix the concrete in front of the Ratzlaff building. Motion carried.**

Cleanup:

- Mayor Schrag had contacted the fire marshal about the station and the fire hazard the junk piled inside could cause. The fire marshal did not agree that it was an issue and they are not able to help.

Ordinance 291 – Mask Extension:

- **B Schmidt moved, seconded by D Snelling to adopt ordinance 291 extending the mask mandate through June 30, 2021. Motion carried with K Klassen opposed.**

Public Works:

- Purchased a new salt spreader mower.
- Still waiting on the new backhoe.
- All items have been listed on purple wave.
- Took down Christmas decorations.

Police:

- Grocery store had a break in. He has assisted the county by providing video footage from our cameras.
- Couple of traffic warnings.
- Threshold for purchases for the police department. He believes \$500 would be sufficient for what he needs and that any expenditure more than that would be brought to council. Ben suggested that as long as he stays within budget and only purchase a set maximum per purchase of \$300.
- **E Esau moved, seconded by B Schmidt to allow a \$300 per purchase limit. Motion carried.**
- Suggested we look into moving camera's and replacing the 2 out front of Keith's with higher resolution cameras. Will discuss at next council meeting.

City Clerk:

- Reminded the council that the February meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 16th due to President's Day.
- Garage sales are down for June 19th and cleanup will be July 10th.

Improvement and Reserve Funds Resolutions:

- Reviewed the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund Resolution, the Equipment Reserve Resolution, the Capital Improvement Park Fund Resolution, the Capital Improvement Streets Fund Resolution, the Water Reserve Fund Resolution and the Sewer Reserve Fund Resolution with 5-year projections.
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept Resolutions 21-01, 21-02, 21-03, 21-04, 21-05 and 21-06 pertaining to the Capital Improvement and Reserve Funds as written. Motion carried.**

Other Business:

- It was brought to our attention that some stop signs in town have faded and become worn out. Duane would like to see them replaced. We will have Karen go around and replace worn out signs as needed.
- Mayor Schrag discussed a succession plan to determine the order in which people would take over in the event he is sick. It was decided that the president of the council would take over in his absence. If further were needed after that we would then decide at that time.

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by D Snelling to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.**

Dave Schrag, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk