

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2026
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor, Evan Esau; Council Members, Amanda Voth, Sam Griffin, John Stucky, Duane Adrian, Justin Nickel; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Public Works, Alex Goossen

Absent: Police, Anthony Voth

Guests: Luanne Soukup, Glenn Herman, Ryan Hoopes, Leann Wonser, Jamie & Devin Schroeder, John Reimer – Viking Industrial Painting

Call to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on May 18th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Ryan Hoopes addressed the council about the plan for the upkeep and maintenance of the roads in Harvest Meadows. He noted that there are some areas with potholes and chipping away developing in the streets. Devin Schroeder also confirmed that he would like to see what the plan is for the upkeep of the streets.
- Luanne Soukup asked why the police officer did not have to follow the rules of the road with his daughter driving a side by side. She also feels that we should be taking care of what we have first before we worry about the expansion of town.
- Leann Wonser mentioned that they have been cleaning the creek and there is a concern about the bottoms of the culverts between her property and the city property deteriorating.
- Also, a concern about the crosswalks and the children that cross the street. Wanting to address the need for a slower speed or something like a crossing guard to minimize issues. We are working on acquiring signs to deter speeders and grab their attention to hopefully slow people down.

Appointment of Gary Duerksen to Housing Authority:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Nickel, to appoint Gary Duerksen to the Goessel Housing Authority Board. Motion carried.**

Viking Industrial Painting:

- John Reimer with Viking Industrial Painting presented a PowerPoint discussing the needs of our water tower and a plan moving forward.

Public Works:

- Main Street Sign height – stop signs along Main Street have been corrected.
- Keys – spoke with Al's Lock and Key to re-discuss the needs for the keys. This previous discussion was held in 2024, and pricing hasn't really changed since. Alex will continue to have a discussion with him.
- Air Conditioner has been ordered for the shop and will be delivered tomorrow.
- Shop painting – Wheat State plans to begin painting the shop next week. The paint colors need to be chosen. Consensus for a gray color with blue trim.
- Millings went up .25 per ton from the last quote. \$21.50 from \$21.25. John Unruh suggested that sand would be the only option for dust-free road material. Consensus to keep doing what we are doing with millings. A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve getting 3 more loads of asphalt millings at the \$21.50 price. Motion carried.
- Mayer Specialty was out and cleaned the NW quarter of the town per the maintenance agreement. While they were here, they looked at the storm drain between the grocery store and the fire station. There is an area of blockage where the pipe has collapsed.

Police:

- No report.

City Clerk:

- Fireworks discharge dates and times – The GRC, 3G Plumbing, and Goessel Church sponsored firework show is July 3rd.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin, to allow fireworks from Wednesday (10-10), Thursday (10-10), Friday (10-11), Saturday (10-11). Motion carried.**

Public Officer:

- Kelli provided a report that was reviewed by council. No comments made.

Other Business:

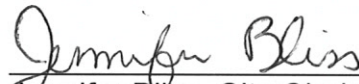
- Memo of Understanding – no updates
- Park Updates – weather permitting, Jeremy will likely start getting the park equipment installed.
- City Expansion – RHID – Mayor Esau went to a presentation and forwarded it on to the council for review. There are some things that need to be considered when thinking of doing an RHID program. Survey costs to mark the outside perimeter of the phases would be around \$1,000-\$1,200 or \$3,500 - \$4,500 to mark all the lots in addition to the perimeter. The next step will be to get an appraisal on the land.
- Wetlands – no word as of now as to whether we have the funding or not.
- BESS – Reece is waiting to see how a few other things pan out.
- Tractor/Semi Parking on Streets – Reece will investigate more examples to strengthen the language of the city code. At the very least clean up the current language of the ordinance.
- Grant Update – waiting on 1 final quote to complete the application for the tornado siren grant.

Adjournment:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor


Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk