

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Feb. 22, 2022

Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Ben Schmidt; Council Members Evan Esau, Dean Snelling, Duane Adrian, Kevin Klassen; Public Works Karen Dalke; City Clerk Jennifer Bliss; Police Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter: Joseph Uhlman – City Attorney; Amanda Voth, Arlen Goertzen

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **E Esau moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept the consent agenda with included the minutes of the Jan. 10th regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Bethesda:

- Arlen Goertzen from Bethesda requested a portion of their U-drive onto Main St. be repaired, approximately 20 feet at each entrance. Cold patch would make difference and buy the city time to complete a Main Street project with the KDOT cost-share program.

Appointments:

- Council reviewed responses from four candidates for the open vacancy on council. Discussion held.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian that Amanda Voth be appointed to council. Motion carried.**
- She will be appointed at next month's Council Meeting.

Proposed Water Line Ordinance:

- The attorney presented 3 options for who is responsible when new service is run to a lot located within city limits:
 - 1) City will pay for 100' and rest to be paid by owner.
 - 2) City will pay for 100' and then split the remaining distance with the owner 50/50.
 - 3) 50/50 split between city and owner of the entire water line installed.
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to adopt option 2 as Ordinance 297. Motion carried.**
- Discussion was also held to have the attorney write a matching sewer ordinance to be considered at the next council meeting.

Franchise Ordinance:

- Our current granted franchise agreement with Kansas Gas Service expires in May. Kansas Gas reached out to offer a renewal on the ordinance. The renewal matches the current franchise with rates remaining the same.
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to adopt Ordinance 298 granting Kansas Gas Service the franchise. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Put down 40 bags of salt on the streets after the recent snow event.
- Fixed snow plow.
- Replaced ballast in library.
- Dave Schrag has been helping and B Schmidt would like to see him hired as a part-time employee so he can be compensated for his time. He was hired at a cap of 10 hour per week at a rate of \$15 per hour.

Police:

- Anthony requested a new police vehicle with all-wheel drive to avoid getting stuck. He will look around and get a list of available vehicles from both the sheriff's office and highway patrol. There are grants available for rural police departments that can be looked into. Clerk will look into some options.
- Anthony ran some traffic in town and Kaylan also put in some hours.

Park:

- Have received positive comments on disc golf course.
- A sign will be placed on the current park sign directing people to the course. It was decided at this time to not put up the old basket that has been painted with the sign. The council did not feel there was an adequate location for it.

City Clerk:

- The museum will be holding a car show on Father's Day this year. Consensus was to once again hold the city-wide garage sales the same day, June 18th.

- City-wide cleanup will follow on July 23rd.

GAAP Waiver

- Council reviewed the annual GAAP waiver for the city's annual audit.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian to adopt the GAAP Waiver for the 2021 annual financial report. Motion carried.**

Other Business:

- Penny Morgan has someone working on the roof of her home in March and painting being done in April. She is checking in to let the council know that progress is going to be made on her home that is currently in violation of the city code.
- Questions were also asked regarding the Blacksmith shop. No progress has been made and the building is becoming more dilapidated. Need to contact the owner to get an update.
- Mayor Schmidt requested that the city pay for Dave to attend the KRWA golf tournament in March during the water conference. He viewed it as another thank you for Dave's service as mayor for 17 years. Council agreed to pay Dave's registration of \$75 as a thank you for his service to the city.

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by E Esau to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.**

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk