

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 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; Public Works, Alex Goossen; Police, Anthony Voth

Absent: City Attorney, Reece Hiebert

Guests: Luanne Soukup, Glenn Herman, John & Marcia Spielman, Lisa Suderman – MN County Conservation District, Darcy Nickel, Drew Mauck

Call to Order:

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

Consent Agenda:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian, accepting the minutes from the regular council meeting on June 15th, minutes from the special council meeting on June 29th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Luanne Soukup presented the code pertaining to special use vehicles and the need for a license to operate these vehicles.
- Marcia has some dog cages available if the city would like them.

Viking Industrial Painting:

- Reece reviewed the Viking contract and was in favor of the contract that was proposed. Does there need to be a clause about a guaranteed painting of the tower. Put in a need for every 15 years mandatory painting.

Lisa Suderman – Marion County Conservation District:

- Asked about the level of understanding of the drinking water protection program. Wanting to understand the educational pieces and what the conservation district's role is in the program. Quarterly reports and an annual report. \$2,000 is allotted for education, at the start of the program you would want to hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss the project and what is available and how they can be a part of it. Anything promoting conservation or education on conservation is eligible for the education spending.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin for Evan to review and approve the application developed by Lisa with the parameters set by KDHE with first come first serve ranking system. Motion carried with J Nickel abstaining.**

Public Works:

- Has had a request for asphalt millings on Poplar Street before Threshing Days. The price is still \$21.50 per ton.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to approve 3 loads of asphalt millings at \$21.50 per ton. Motion carried.**
- Council thanked Alex for his extra work that he put in after the windstorm that came through.

Police:

- Investigated a report of teens going around at night and knocking on people's doors.
- An illegal dumping situation was taken care of at the burn site after tracking down the owner of the vehicle.
- Asked me to order ammunition for the police department. It has been ordered. He will also need to order duty ammunition. They qualify in Marion and he would like to propose a range being put in for qualifications. Out at the sewer ponds would be a good location. 25 yard and 100 yard range would be what is needed.

Public Officer:

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

Other Business:

- Memo of Understanding – no updates
- Park Updates – equipment is up and the border has been put in. Waiting on the rock and it will be spread and then they will be able to open the new section of the park. Discussion to be held on cutting down a damaged tree to the south of the shelter and having the other trees trimmed up to minimize branches. Also, relocation of the sand volleyball court.
- City Expansion – A Voth reached out to a few people regarding appraisals. \$300 bid for a general appraisal and \$4,000 for a detailed appraisal. Had a meeting with Lange Realty today to discuss some information about development. They would help facilitate things but are not interested in being a developer.
- Wetlands – no update on the status of funding from the state.
- BESS (battery energy storage system) – Reece is still looking into this and keeping an eye on the evolving requirements and needs for such a system.
- Tractor/Semi Parking on Streets – Reece is working on this and has sent over some examples.
- Grant Update – submitted the grant for the tornado siren and are waiting for a determination of funding.
- Threshing Days – Alex wondered what his responsibilities are regarding the parade. Someone will be available to drive the police car through the parade.
- LED Sign – received a quote for repair and replacement of the sign. Consensus to remove the sign and decommission it.
- School Zone Signs – have not heard anything back from the school on interest in helping with the school zone sign. A Voth has gotten some quotes for radar signs. There are some grants that will be coming up for things like this, but we do not know when they will be available. Will be looking into a free sign through traffic safety solutions.
- Maintenance of Harvest Meadow roads. Called and discussed with some companies for road tar as this seems the easiest patching method for the roads.
- Storm drain maintenance responsibility. Reece has not had a chance to review yet. Tabled.

Executive Session:

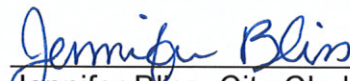
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss employer-employee relations and negotiations with Alex, council and Mayor present. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to pay Stacey Sawyer's base exam for his CDL for his medical card not to exceed \$80. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by S Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor


Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk