

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2025

Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor, Evan Esau; Council Members Duane Adrian, Amanda Voth, Sam Griffin, Ariel Kraus, John Stucky; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Public Works Alex Goossen; Police Anthony Voth; Code Enforcement Kelli Willis

Absent: City Attorney, Reece Hiebert

Guests: Drew Mauck, Luanne Soukup, Gary Guhr, Marcy Hostetler, John & Marcia Spielman, Glenn Herman, Diann Richards, Leia Lawrence, Brad Penner, Lois Harder, Rick & Denise Woelk

Call Budget Hearing to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the budget hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Public was present for the budget hearing but there were no comments by the public. Council proposed some questions that were answered by the clerk.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to adopt the proposed budget as proposed. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the budget hearing at 6:12 p.m.**

Call Regular Meeting to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 21st and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Leia Lawrence with United Way is here to listen and try to understand some of the ways the city is approaching the enforcement of the city codes. She provided some of her ideas to encourage collaboration and neighborliness between everyone. Coming up with a long-term strategy moving forward. The Ministerial Alliance also approached the council to provide support to individuals and to also agree that resources need to be given to ease the process.
- Other members of the community made remarks on the letters that have been sent out. Questions were also answered.

Marcy Hostetler – Marion County Emergency Management:

- Marcy presented a handout discussing her position with the county and what that means for our community. There is often confusion as to what her role means so she took some time this evening to discuss these concerns and to introduce herself to those who may not know her.

Public Works:

- Continuing from last month, Alex presented some numbers for grasshopper mowers. The decision has been tabled for now since it is close to the end of mowing season.
- The grader cylinders need to be removed and taken to be fixed.
- The pickleball court is coming along. Alex, Jack, and Luke have been prepping and painting. They anticipated that it will be finished very soon.
- Marsha with KDHE will be here tomorrow for our 5-year water inspection.

Public Officer:

- Provided a write up of the number of violations and types that she has issued over the last month.
- Kelli would like to attend a training sponsored by KACE (Kansas Association of Code Enforcement) to learn more about the responsibilities of her job with the city and to network with others who do the same. The council felt it was a good opportunity for Kelli to learn more.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to allow Kelli Willis to attend the KACE training in Manhattan on the 17th & 18th with the \$250 registration, the cost of a hotel, meals that are not provided with the training and use of the city truck. Motion carried.**

Clerk:

- Reminder that the clerk will be out of the office from Wednesday through Friday this week. Kelli will be covering as she can during this time.

Other Business:

- Briefly discussed the quotes for the tornado siren systems for automatic setoff.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to appoint Peggy Jay to the library board. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to sponsor the GCF golf tournament for \$300. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by A Voth to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk