

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, September 15, 2025
Civic Center Community Room

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

Absent: Ariel Kraus, Anthony Voth

Guests: Paul Vogts, Luanne Soukup, Glenn Herman

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 to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 18th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Paul Vogts had questions on the interpretation of an article within the city code. The council is aware that his alleged violation was taken care of in court and there was nothing further they could provide. Council also discussed the need for him to establish utility services with the city.

Variance Request:

- Alex Goossen presented an application for a variance to allow him to have ducks at his property. Questions were answered on whether they would be free range and whether male ducks would be included.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to allow the variance allowing 6 female ducks and following the same rules and regulations as described in 2-109 with references to 2-113. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Painted last coating of paint on the pickleball court. It should be ready to go in the next few days.
- Went through Christmas lights to determine our need.
- Fixed a water leak on Buller Street and is keeping an eye to make sure it is resolved.
- Will do a water sample and sewer sample this week.
- Will be getting the truck ready for Kelli to use for her training this week.
- The hydraulics on the grader need to be removed and set to be repaired.
- Discussed the mower bids discussed in previous council meetings.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to purchase the Grasshopper 72" 900d for \$26,760.89. Motion carried.**

Police:

- Reviewed nuisance violation letters for approval.
- Assisted with another agency call.

Public Officer:

- Provided a write up of the number of violations and types that she has issued over the last month.

Other Business:

- Held discussion on the draft of the memorandum of understanding with the fire district. Made a few changes to some of the language. Reece will be reworking a few sections before it is proposed to the fire board. Tentatively we will aim for the next meeting to have everyone together for discussion.
- Held discussion on the draft of the memorandum of understanding with the library. For the time being we are striking out the information on the golf cart to allow the library to write their own rules for their golf cart.
- Harvest Festival Updates – gave an update on where the fund stands. At this time there should be enough money raised to cover all the expenses this year.

- At the previous council meeting we had briefly discussed a couple of quotes that J Stucky had received to convert the tornado siren to an automatic activation based on the NWS alert polygons. It was also mentioned that the city will be participating in the tornado drill at 10:00 am on September 22, 2025.
- Reece discussed the nuisance code and the avenues we have for either court or abatement. We discussed some changes to notification processes.
- Emergency Plans Update will be updated once a discussion has been held with the fire board.
- Illegal Dumping Ordinance Amendment was worked through and amended to the council's satisfaction.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adopt ordinance 319 amending the regulations for the use of the burn pile. Motion carried.**
- Christmas Lights – Mayor Esau has done some research on lights and garland to refurbish the decorations that get placed outside the city building. He also investigated new lights for the utility pole decorations. A priority was determined to be the pole decorations. White and blue colors for the star pole decorations. Red and white for the candy canes. Multi color for the little tree. Multi color lights for the city building. White for an arch.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to approve an amount not to exceed \$4,000 to purchase lights and garland to revamp our Christmas decorations and to add an archway to the bridge. Motion carried.**
- Traffic Study – presented the council with a brief overview of the recent traffic study. Will send it out for their reading and review.
- Securitas will be setting up a time to come back to town and look at the camera system to see what can be done to get them to work. A clause on preventative maintenance has also been added to the contract. The contract will be completed February of 2026. The plan is to give them the required notice to end our services through them.

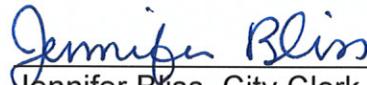
Executive Session:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to enter an executive session for 5 minutes with mayor and council present to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.**
- Returned to normal session.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to give Kelli a \$0.50 raise for the code enforcement portion of her wages. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by S Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried.**


Evan Esau, Mayor


Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk