

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2025

Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor, Evan Esau; Council Members, Amanda Voth, Sam Griffin, John Stucky, Duane Adrian, Ariel Kraus; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Public Works, Alex Goossen; Police Anthony Voth; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Free Press Reporter

Guests: Glenn Herman

Call to Order:

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

Consent Agenda:

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

Recreation Vehicle Ordinance:

- Mayor Esau had proposed that items 1 & 2 on the proposed ordinance be combined into one. His suggested wording is "Camping trailers or recreational vehicles may only be parked in a side yard, back yard, or driveway in any residential area and must be stored on a gravel or concrete surface. No camping trailer or recreational vehicle shall be parked in the front yard in any residential area of the city."
- Discussion was held and the decision to remove "in any residential area" and to remove "in any residential area of the city on the second sentence".
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to adopt Ordinance 314 regarding the parking and storage of recreational vehicles as revised with discussion. Motion carried.**

Proposed Cat Ordinance:

- There was discussion held on the proposed cat ordinance.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adopt Ordinance 315 regarding the keeping and harboring of cats. Motion carried with A Kraus opposed.**

Proposed Sewer Line Furnishing Ordinance:

- Discussion was held and at this time, more review needs made before the ordinance can be passed. Table to next month.

Public Works:

- Getting ready for spring. Will plan to open the park bathrooms around the first week of April.
- Is officially in the operator in training program.

Police:

- Talked to Officer Barnett about his role with the city. He will be turning in his stuff and resigning due to not having time to put in with the city.
- Sent out nuisance vehicle violations.
- Court was held last week. The Johnson's were present as was the building inspector. We were able to have a conversation about what needed to be done with their property. They have 3 months to finalize and get the building secured. The International Property Maintenance Code allows for properties to be secured by boarding them up. Once boarded, the code allows for 12 months to make the permanent repairs.

City Clerk:

- Will send out the sump pump survey at the beginning of April.
- Completed the draft AFR and got it sent to the auditor after reviewing the 2025 KMAAG.
- Council checks will go out next week.
- Applied for the Goessel Community Foundation grant for community room improvements.

Other Business:

- Public Works/Police Job do we combine the position or hire each position out separately. Need to update the police officer job description. For now, while things are being worked on with the police officer job description let's publish a part-time public works position. Change part-time public

works position to state 15 miles like the public works director description. Change the certification requirement to "Learn class 1 water and wastewater functions". Consensus to publish the part-time public works position on Indeed. Advertise as hours change with the weather.

- **A Voth moved, seconded by A Kraus to approve the Part-time public works position description with the above changes.**
- Utility Extension – Jennifer will touch base with the Wiebe's to find out where they are at in the process.
- Mobile Home Park road maintenance. The mobile home park has had the property surveyed and is waiting for the results to come back. Once it is received, the clerk will forward it to Reece to draft the easement for the road maintenance.
- The question of who owns the storm drain in front of Bethesda. There is no recorded easement for this specific area. We could use the implied easement for this storm drain or we could state that since it is on their property it is theirs.
- Pickleball court – reviewed some prices for the pickleball setup that Mayor Esau provided. Once option cost around \$3,540 or \$3,155 depending upon which posts we use. One set of posts was aluminum and the other is steel. The dominator one seems to be the preference of the council. Blue inside and green on the outside was decided upon for colors.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve spending up to \$3,500 on installing the pickleball court and would request funds from the GCF park fund to not exceed an amount that would close out the fund with the foundation. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to approve Mayor Esau to appoint Bradley Haynes to the housing authority board. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to appoint Dorlee Freeman to the library board. Motion carried.**
- For Harvest Festival do we want to sponsor the inflatables again or do we do something different. Place the inflatables at the park.
- **A Kraus moved, seconded by A Voth to proceed with inflatables at the park for Harvest Festival. Motion carried.**
- Creek cleanout update. The Lazzers are on the schedule for John Unruh to come clear out their portion. The credit union is finished with their section. The Talberts have not given an update. Thank them for the work they have done, there is still concrete that needs to be removed. The purpose of the original deadline was that the creek would be cleaned out prior to the rainy season.
- Nitrate test came back today. The nitrates in our drinking water went up to 9.

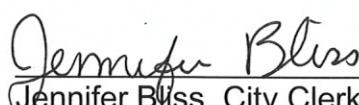
Executive Session:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Kraus to enter an executive session for 10 minutes with Mayor and council present for Alex's 90-day review. Motion carried.**
- Returned to open session at 8:30.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to give Alex \$1.50 per hour raise following his 90-day review. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.**


Evan Esau, Mayor


Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk