

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2026
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; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Police, James Bowlin, Anthony Voth

Guests: James Kraus, Luanne Soukup, Glenn Herman, Justin Nickel, John & Marcia Spielman

Call to Order:

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

Oath of Office:

- Clerk administered the oath of office to the re-elected Mayor Esau.
- Mayor Esau administered the oath to the re-elected members Sam Griffin & Duane Adrian.

Consent Agenda:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Kraus, to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on December 8th, 2025, with the 2 changes discussed (a correction in grammar and the addition of A Kraus abstaining from a motion), and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Glenn asked about public comment section being placed at the beginning of the meeting.
- There has been interest in having the council meetings streamed on Facebook for a live broadcast.

Council Position Opening:

- A Kraus will be leaving the city council due to relocation. Mayor Esau presented her with a token of our appreciation and thanked her for the time serving on the city council.
- We discussed the replacement procedure for her vacant seat. In the past we have asked questions of potential candidates, or we have just agreed upon a name that was interested in taking the position.

Reserve Fund Resolutions:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin, to adopt the reserve fund resolutions as presented. Motion carried.**

Water Rates:

- Discussed the proposed water rate ordinance.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by D Adrian, to adopt Ordinance 320 as presented the previous month. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Waiting to receive bids for painting the city shop to come back before a decision can be made.
- Called Cunningham Recreation to get a shipping update on the park equipment.
- Placed an order from Brenntag to get replacement chlorine bottles for the water wells.

City Clerk:

- February meeting will be held on Tuesday February 17th due to the holiday on Monday the 16th.
- Cleanup – try for the end of June for the cleanup.

Public Officer:

- Reviewed the report Kelli provided. No comments made.
- Cleanup of the creek between Pine/Summit. Is this an area we are ready to approach to clean out the water way to be sure there are no blocks in the creek flow. We would address this with the homeowners.

Other Business:

- Animal Control – due to relocation James Kraus will no longer serve as our volunteer animal control officer. We need someone that is willing to take over the duties. Need to purchase a dog pole at a minimum.

- Work Session – discussion to delay the work session until Ariel's position is filled and when Duane can be in town and available. Thursday March 5th at 6:00 P.M.
- Memorandum of Understanding (Library) – we have received a list of valuations from the library. We need to find out from the insurance company an appropriate amount of contents coverage that would cover both the city and the library. Potentially having the library cover their contents with their own policy.
- Memorandum of Understanding (Fire Department) – Reviewed the changes the fire department had on the proposed memorandum of understanding.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky, to approve the memorandum of understanding with the fire department. Motion carried.**
- Park Equipment/Bridge – briefly discussed locations for the new equipment. Also briefly discussed the bridge and a potential option Sam and John have found for the base of the bridge.
- Camera Update – NexTech provided a bid for a camera system. Discussed the options we have. A Voth prefers to go with HCI. Have HCI update the quote for the 180-degree camera at the gas pumps and perhaps demo the camera's
- Tornado Siren – Frontier grant sounds like it will be a feasible option for the upgrade of the tornado siren system. John will investigate adding text and adding an additional siren.
- Nuisance Code Update – Reece needs to do some more pulling together before a finalization can occur.
- Emergency Plans – Clerk will update the sections pertaining to the tornado siren setoff and bring an updated emergency plan to council for review next month. Mayor will meet again with the Fire Department to discuss the update to the tornado siren setoff after approval of the memo.

Executive Session:

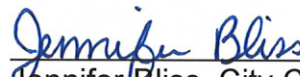
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian, to enter an executive session for 5 minutes with council and Mayor present only to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.**
- Return to normal session.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin, to enter an executive session for 5 minutes with council, Mayor, and Alex present to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.**
- Return to normal session.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth, to give Alex a \$0.50 per hour raise effective 2/1/2026 for completing his wastewater certification. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth, to give Luke Stucky a \$1.50 per hour raise, bringing him to \$17 per hour. Motion carried with John abstaining.**

Adjournment:

- **A Kraus moved, seconded by S Griffin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk