

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, April 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; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Police, James Bowlin

Absent: Police, Anthony Voth

Guests: Leann Wonser, Merrill Yoder – Nisly Brothers Trash Service, Luanne Soukup, Marcia Spielman

Call to Order:

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

Consent Agenda:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on March 16th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Merrill Yoder with Nisly Brothers trash service came to discuss with the council their desire to be able to put in a bid when our contract is up with Waste Connections. Keeping in contact with the city is important to keep the name out there. Council asked some recycling questions for when the time to put it out for bid. Merrill said the ability to quote it both ways when the time comes.
- Luanne asked about putting the agenda out prior to the meeting for those that watch the meeting online. She also asked about a business sign being posted on a city owned sign. She states that it is illegal to do so and wondered why it was being allowed.

Library Board Appointment:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to appoint Kari Lindeman to the Goessel Public Library Board. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Asphalt Millings - \$21.25 per ton (\$595 per truck load) from J. L. Unruh. \$22.75 per ton from West Branch Excavating. The price will fluctuate as fuel prices remain unsteady and will need to be re-bid each time a load is needed.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to proceed with ordering 3 truckloads of asphalt millings from J.L. Unruh. Motion carried.**
- \$720 quote from Westbranch Excavating to put a ditch in the park and level off the dirt work. No motion is needed at this time since previous motion included dirt work in the not to exceed cost.
- Both Viking Industrial Painting & Maguire Iron have submitted bids for the cleaning and painting of the water tower. Alex presented some pictures highlighting a few of the issues they were able to find. They did state that considering its age it is in relatively good shape.
- Alex was recommended to buy a product to help with the bacteria in the sewer ponds. He mentioned it could potentially help with our testing compliance parameters with KDHE. He calculated that 30 pounds should last the rest of this year and was quoted \$930 for it.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve the \$930 for the sewer enzyme. Motion carried.**

Police:

- No report.

City Clerk:

- Working on grant applications for the tornado siren and walking path.

Public Officer:

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

Other Business:

- Memorandum on Understanding with library. No update on this at this meeting.

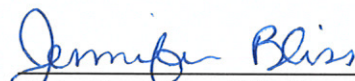
- Parking Signs – it was mentioned that there used to be no parking signs located on South Church Street and was asked if there should be again. Discussion was held but no decision was made.
- Tractor/Semi Parking – discussion held, will rediscuss at a future meeting.
- Disaster Response Plan – updates were made and a final draft was presented to the council for consideration.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to adopt the Disaster Response Plan as presented. Motion carried.**
- Emergency Preparedness Plan – updates were made and a final draft was presented to the council for consideration.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to adopt the Emergency Preparedness Plan as presented. Motion carried.**
- Nuisance Code Update – after consideration and direction of legal counsel, it was suggested to not move forward with an update to change notification procedures.
- Housing Authority – the authority is currently seeking a new management firm to oversee the apartment complex. Options have been brought to the table for the Housing Authority to decide but no final decision has been made at this time.
- BESS (energy storage) – Mayor Esau was curious if there needed to be any ordinances in place regarding BESS. There currently is nothing on record governing BESS within city limits and there are currently no plans for it to be in town. Mayor Esau was inquiring for future reference.
- Landbanks – briefly discussed land banks and the potential benefits they can have. Reece explained how they work and what would need to be done to establish one. Some questions were asked about purchasing land and adding it to a landbank for future town expansion.
- Discussed options for upgrading the batteries on the golf cart. Mayor Esau and Alex have been looking into different options and presented some to the council.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to upgrade the batteries to lithium at an amount not to exceed \$3,100. Motion carried.**
- Ongoing Discussions:
 - Park – getting the ground ready for the equipment install. It is the goal to have the new equipment installed before summer.
 - City Expansion – discussed some options for land acquisition to allow the city to expand.
 - Wetlands – we are on the funding list to be considered to receive grant funding from the state to complete a sewer project to help with compliance issues. We currently do not know if we will be funded and are waiting for further instruction from the State.

Adjournment:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk