

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Mar. 21, 2022

Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Ben Schmidt; Council Members Evan Esau, Dean Snelling, Duane Adrian, Kevin Klassen, Amanda Voth; Public Works Karen Dalke; Asst. City Clerk Leda Graybill; Police Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter: Joseph Uhlman – City Attorney

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept the consent agenda which included the minutes of the Feb. 22nd regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Oath of Office:

- Mayor Ben Schmidt administered the oath of office to Amanda Voth and welcomed her to the council.

Sewer Line Ordinance:

- Attorney Joe Uhlman advised the current sewer line ordinance is adequate and no further action needed to be taken to bring it into harmony with the new water line ordinance adopted last month.

Emergency Plan Update:

- The Asst. City Clerk will work on updating the contact information for the emergency plan and bring it to next month's meeting.

Disc Golf Course:

- John Stucky was not present so no discussion concerning disc golf course was held.

Public Works:

- Brought in a load of sand to have on hand for city use.
- Hauled off 2 loads of concrete that had been dumped at the burn site.
- Patched Bethesda driveway, in front of grocery store and a few other spots.
- Opened bathrooms at the park & ball diamonds, repaired one toilet.
- Repaired water meter setters.
- Talked to Ed Hickman, a sewer expert, concerning hanging sensors. He can separate and spread them out to work properly for approximately \$600.
- KRWA rep was here and looked at treatment plant. All looks good, any problems are because we dredged it last year and it takes awhile to get bacteria back to where it needs to be.
- Karen talked to Steve Meyer concerning what progress he has been able to make cleaning up at the station. He has loads ready to go out and they discussed what more could be done. Karen was able to help out and haul some stuff away. They discussed whether a privacy fence running E-W would be helpful to hide the materials. After further discussion by the council it was decided to have A Voth and J Uhlman talk to Steve and see if they can bring a plan that is agreeable to both sides to the next council meeting.
- Goering Hardware checked the a/c and said it needs replaced. We are waiting for bids.
- There are 23 bags of concrete in the shelter house at the park leftover from the disc golf project. Karen will bring it to the city shop.
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by E Esau to hire Dave Schrag as a part-time public works employee for a maximum of 10 hours/week at a rate of \$15/hour. Motion carried.**

Police:

- One citation issued for reckless driving.
- Spoke to an individual about speeding on Church St.
- Spoke to an individual concerning cleaning up a nuisance property.

Wastewater:

- K Klassen thought we should go ahead and have Ed Hickman adjust the sensors as recommended in Karen's report.

City Clerk:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by K Klassen to affirm the verbal agreement currently in place between the City of Goessel and Moundridge Telephone Company stating the telephone company has permission to use city**

property near the burn site for their wireless internet tower in exchange for them providing free wi-fi at the city park. Motion carried.

- Bruce Claassen, owner of the trailer park in town, wanted clarification as to whether a camper could be brought into the trailer park. According to city ordinances, that would not be allowed.

Other Business:

- A Voth indicated Johnsons have until May to show progress on cleaning up the blacksmith shop.
- Question came up concerning whether shipping containers being made into houses was covered by current ordinances. It was determined they are covered.

Executive Session:

- E Esau moved, seconded by K Klassen that the city council recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Mayor, City Council, A Voth and the city attorney present for the purpose of discussing Police Dept personnel. Motion carried.
- Returned to normal session at 7:10pm. The Asst. City Clerk was asked to send copies by email of the Personnel Handbook, job descriptions for all employees and any signed acknowledgment forms or reviews to the city attorney.

Adjournment:

- K Klassen moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Leda Graybill, Asst. City Clerk