

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, May 18, 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; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Police, James Bowlin

Absent: Police, Anthony Voth; Public Works, Alex Goossen

Guests: Luanne Soukup, Leann Wonser, 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 S Griffin to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on April 18th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Luanne asked about the West Branch Baits & Tackle sign on the street sign. It was explained that the sign was allowable and was not violating any ordinances or statutes.
- Glenn asked whether the city codes were being enforced fairly.

Appointments:

- **J Nickel moved, seconded by S Griffin to appoint Jennifer Bliss as the City Clerk/Court Clerk, Greg Nickel as the municipal judge, Reece Hiebert as the city attorney practicing through Pankratz & Hodge, and Courtney Demaray as the city treasurer. Motion carried.**

Official Banking Depository:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to designate the Citizens State bank as the official banking depository for the city. Motion carried.**

Official Newspaper:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to designate the Newton Kansan as the official newspaper for the city. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Water tower inspection/cleaning – no official numbers yet. The vendors would like to come to give a presentation to the council.
- Main Street Sign Height – has the hardware to fix the sign height.
- Keys – John & Alex will discuss the keys and what is needed and needs to be re-keyed.
- Millings – no updated quotes yet
- Shop Office Air Conditioner – will need to do some more research. Justin looked at portable air conditioner/heaters and will investigate more of those options.

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:

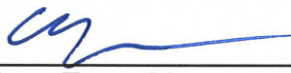
- Memo Of Understanding – Library – no updates currently.
- Park Updates – Alex is going to coordinate the installation of the park equipment with Jeremy. Moving forward but no hard date yet.
- City Expansion – talked to property owner that owns the land that phases 2 & 3 of Harvest Meadows would be on. There is an interest in selling the property. A Voth will discuss with the farmer the potential for him to continue to farm if we purchase the land and will report next month. Reece recommended hiring an appraiser to get a fair market comparable valuation. We will also

have to have the land surveyed. Reece will send some names for us to receive quotes. Council is wanting to move forward with the potential acquisition. Quote for survey quote as well (Garber).

- Insurance – due to the bylaws, a certain period of notice is required when leaving the pool. This would have needed to have been done by the end of March so the city will remain in the pool until the 2027 renewal.
- Wetlands – no word yet on funding from KDHE. The reception of landowners in the area has not been favorable.
- KMIP CD's – rolled the maturing CD's into a 30-day CD. Discussion was held on whether to continue rolling the money into 6-month CD's.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to continue with 6-month CD's with the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. Motion carried.**
- Tornado siren grant – for the Frontier Farm Credit grant, the minimum project cost is \$15,000 and our current project does not meet this threshold. Discussed what can be added to make the project more competitive. A generator for siren and equipment "emergency response headquarters" and battery backup was brought up as an option. Will get quotes for these items.
- BESS – no update on this currently. Waiting to see how things transpire as time goes on.
- Tractor/Semi Parking on Streets – do we need a designated area for parking or some kind of ordinance prohibiting parking in front of a residence. Officer Bowlin mentioned establishing a truck route. Reece will check the STO before changes are made.
- Housing Authority Member -Mayor Esau is looking for any suggestions and is searching for anyone interested.

Adjournment:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk