

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., July 19, 2021
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Dave Schrag; Council Members Kevin Klassen, Ben Schmidt, Duane Adrian, Evan Esau, Dean Snelling; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Public Works, Karen Dalke; Free Press Reporter

Absent: Anthony Voth

Guests: John Stucky

Public Hearing Regarding Vacation of Kansas Avenue:

- Council President Kevin Klassen called the public hearing to order at 6:00 pm.
- No public was present for the hearing. Ordinance 293 was presented to vacate the portions of N. Cedar, N. Church Street and the section of Kansas Avenue that needed vacated.
- **B Schmidt moved, seconded by E Esau to adopt Ordinance 293 vacating the necessary streets. Motion carried.**
- Public hearing closed at 6:06 pm.

Call to Order Regular Council Meeting:

- Mayor Schrag called the regular council meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Consent Agenda:

- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to accept the minutes from the June 21st regular council meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Disc Golf Course:

- John Stucky discussed the disc golf course with the city council. He mentioned that the baskets are in disrepair, some are leaning, and they are not in an ideal position for playing. He asked if the city would be willing to spend some money on repairing the baskets. He is willing to supply the labor and will present the council with a plan for the course at a future council meeting. It was mentioned that we may be able to get a sponsor for the course and it was asked if we wanted it to be up to regulations that could potentially allow the course to be played in a tournament. Council agreed that it was a good idea to update the course and make the necessary repairs and will review John's plans at a future council meeting.

RNR Hearing & Budget Hearing:

- Due to changes with budget laws, the city will need to hold the revenue neutral rate hearing between August 20th and September 20th. At this time, we are not exceeding the revenue neutral rate, but it is suggested we pass a resolution allowing us to do so in case the assessed valuations fluctuate when the final numbers come out in November. The decision was to move the regular council meeting to August 23rd and hold the hearings and the council meeting at that time.

Public Works:

- The transmission is slipping on the John Deere tractor.
- Has been spraying for mosquitos frequently. Council thanked her for that and said it is helping.

Police:

- Mayor Schrag mentioned that the county is planning on using the patrol car that we were going to take.

Streets:

- Ditches need cleaned and taken care of. They would like to see the one at Athletic Park Drive and Church Street replaced.
- Need a bigger post at A & B road corner. The current one is marking a meter/valve and is not big enough to keep someone from driving over it.
- Discussed if there were ways to incentivize people to clean out their culverts. Also discussed cleaning out the creek behind fire station #2. Once we do our due diligence, we could contact the Corp of Engineers to see if they are willing to clean out the blue stream waterways.

Equipment:

- Mayor Schrag and Karen made forks for the new backhoe.
- Discussed the need for a garage door opener for the building where the fogger is stored. Electricity will need to be run and hooked up to use the opener but the current door is far too heavy for 1 person to lift and could cause injury.
- Also looked into options for a 30 x 40 building to be built behind the shop so that everything can be stored indoors. With a 40' opening and 14' sidewalls, it was estimated that the building would cost around \$19,000.

Wastewater:

- Some issues with the generator at the lift station. It is having issues with starting both motors during extreme rain events when both pumps are needing run.

Other:

- Need to look into the middle-income housing grant. This could provide the city a way to incentivize people to move to our community by offering them tax incentives.

Adjournment:

- **B Schmidt moved, seconded by K Klassen to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.**

Dave Schrag, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk