

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2021
Civic Center Community Room

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

Guests: Joseph Uhlman – Adrian & Pankratz

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **K Klassen moved, seconded by E Esau to accept the consent agenda which included the minutes of the November 15th regular meeting and the monthly financial statements. Motion carried.**

Proposed Container Ordinance:

- Discussed the drafted container ordinance that would require a permit to have a shipping container or other like storage containers. This would set a time limit and fee to be paid to have a container in a private yard within city limits. Council would like a permit fee of X amount of dollars per month not to exceed 180 days. The city council would also be the ones to approve any request to have a container. The attorney will edit the current proposed ordinance and we will discuss the revisions at the next council meeting.

Executive session:

- **E Esau moved, seconded by D Snelling to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the Mayor, council, and city attorney present for a consultation with the attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.**
- Returned to normal session at 6:35 pm.

Christmas Light Contest:

- Council discussed the candidates for the most lights display and the best display. Council then voted on the winner for each category. Randy Schafer won for the most lights and Ryan Hoopes won the best display.
- **D Snelling moved, seconded by E Esau to adopt Ordinance 290 as proposed. Motion carried.**

Police:

- Kaylan started a few weekends ago and Aaron has also put in a few hours.
- The police car had a power issue. Anthony has contacted Abraham's engine service to come look at it.

Streets:

- Millings have been put down. At this time county engineer Brice Goebel suggest we do not grade them until we get sufficient moisture.
- Discuss adding a crosswalk at the corner of S Cedar Street or at the bridge crossing. No decision made at this time.

Park:

- Timer needs fixed on the basketball court. The lights keep staying on and have to be manually turned off. It was suggested we look into something more robust that can't be broken as easy or even looking into motion detection.

Burnsite:

- D Snelling moved some wood that had nails and screws in it away from the drive so that no one drove over them.

Clerk:

- The cities TEAP (Traffic Engineering Assistance Program) application was approved. Clerk has been working with the school superintendent on getting this done so that a traffic study can be done to see if it is necessary to put in school zones. If it is found necessary the school zone toolbox program would supply the signs and the city would just need to install them.

Other Business:

- **E Esau moved, seconded by K Klassen to give full-time employees a \$250 Christmas bonus and part-time employees with receive a \$50 Christmas bonus. Motion carried with D Adrian abstaining.**
- Briefly discussed the animal control officer position. Mayor Schrag has determined we don't have the necessary equipment for the job to be done correctly. No decision at this time how to proceed with the position.

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by B Schmidt to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.**