

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2025

Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor, Evan Esau; Council Members, Amanda Voth, Sam Griffin, John Stucky, Duane Adrian, Ariel Kraus; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Public Works, Alex Goossen; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Free Press Reporter

Absent: Police, Anthony Voth

Guests: Glenn Herman, Mike Magos, Luanne Soukup, Linda Van Aardt

Call to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on March 17th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Harvest Meadow Street Maintenance – will need to look into a plan for future maintenance.
- Linda Van Aardt has requested a variance to allow her to keep more than the allotted 3 cats the ordinance allows. She has been capturing cats and making appointments to get them spayed/neutered and getting them vaccinated. She currently has 5 indoor cats of her own and she has 4 feral cats that she is taking care of while they wait for them to get fixed. Once they are fixed, they are rehomed to a farm.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by A Kraus to temporarily allow the variance application for Linda Van Aardt with a limit of 10 cats on her property including her owned cats with a review in 6 months for re-approval. She will work with animal control to rehome the captured cats once they are fixed. The cats must stay on her property. Motion carried 4-1 with Duane abstaining.**

Council Pay Ordinance 316:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to approve Ordinance 316 establishing compensation for the Mayor and Council meetings. Motion carried.**

Waterline Replacement Quotes:

- During the opening of the park, there have been issues with water leaks after the winter. Both the park building and the concession building at the ball diamonds will need to be replumbed to be operational again. Goering Hardware and Randy Schafer submitted bids for the work. The decision was made to not put in the additional hydrant in the park.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve the bids from Goering Hardware to replumb the concession building Quote 71534-B for \$1,511.48 and the city park Quote 71532-B for \$2,317.90. Motion carried.**

Public Sewer Line Furnishing Ordinance 317:

- Reece modified the previously proposed ordinance to match the definitions of the current city code. He made it clear that this would cover public sewer line not private lines. There is currently verbiage in the code that requires private lines to come within 140' of the main.
- **A Kraus moved, seconded by D Adrian to approve Ordinance 317 that establishes regulations on the furnishing on public sewer line. Motion carried.**

T-Mobile Grant Project Ideas:

- Applications for this grant are due on June 30th. Input for what direction we would like to go for a potential project to apply for this grant. A park project and the paving of the city building parking lot are ideas to use for the grant. Consensus to apply for the paving project at the city building. Alex will reach out and get bids to update the pricing for such a project.

Community Room Electrical Bid:

- Funk Electric submitted numbers to do the wiring for the TV in the community room.

- S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to approve an amount for community room electrical not to exceed \$800 and to order the chairs as quoted for \$2,201.50. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- Community Foundation Banquet – Duane and Evan will be attending the banquet to accept the grant award on behalf of the City.
- Harvest Festival group has met and the Mayor would like a consensus on the direction of the family activities. Will have a caricaturist, photo booth, lawn games, pumpkin table. This years focus will be a carnival theme and we will not be having inflatables.
- J Stucky talked to the Lazzers and the trees have been removed and ready for John Unruh to come and take care of their section. It will be taken care of as soon as John is available.
- Will address the full-time police officer position once a job description has been established.

Executive Session:

- S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to enter an executive session for 15 minutes with Mayor, Alex and council present to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.
- Returned to open session at 8:19.
- S Griffin moved, seconded by A Kraus to hire Luke Stucky part-time up to 20 hours per week starting at \$15 per hour starting May 1st. Motion carried 4-1 with J Stucky abstaining.

Adjournment:

- S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk