

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, May 19, 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; Police, Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter

Absent: City Attorney, Reece Hiebert

Guests: Friday Otuya – Nex-Tech, Jennifer Adams, Luanne Soukup, Mike Magos

Call to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on April 21st and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Friday Otuya – Friday represents Nex-Tech and he is here to share some resources that Nex-Tech has. The materials include a pamphlet on the revolving loan fund, advantages of Nex-Tech Fiber Internet, the Nex-Tech Academy flyer and rural insights handout.
- Jennifer Adams attended to let the council know that she has seen a decrease in the number of cats in her area since Linda has been helping the cats. Getting together and raising money to help fund the cause would be very helpful.

Appointments:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to appoint Jennifer Bliss as the City Clerk. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to appoint Greg Nickel as the municipal judge. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Kraus to appoint Reece Hiebert as the city attorney. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to appoint Courtney Demaray as the city treasurer. Motion carried.**

Official Banking Depository:

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

Official Newspaper:

- **J Stucky moved, seconded by A Kraus to designate the Newton Kansan as the official newspaper for the city. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Street Material (asphalt millings) quotes were reviewed. West Branch quoted \$855 and JL Unruh quoted \$1,555.20. These quotes cover 3 truckloads of the millings which was estimated to cover approximately 1 block with a decent layer. The idea is to do a test street, either Poplar or Wheat, to see how the product held up and how long it would last. There were ideas that the roads need to be worked and fixed prior to any more material being put down.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by D Adrian to accept the quote from West Branch for \$855 for the asphalt millings for Wheat Street. Motion carried 4-1 with S Griffin opposed.**
- Mosquito treatments – Van Diest quoted a 220 briquet case of mosquito dunks for \$866.80. These are rated to last for 150 days and would be used in areas that have water sitting there for long periods of a time. These are designed to only affect mosquitoes, and no other environmental risks are seen. Bomgaars provides cheaper treatments that do not last as long (only 30 days) for smaller areas.

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to purchase the case of mosquito briquets for \$886 from Van Diest. Motion carried.**
- Pavement Patch was quoted by MAC pavement maintenance products for \$812 for 56 bags/1 pallet of cold patch. This would be specifically used for the patching of Main Street.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to accept the \$812 quote for the pavement patch material. Motion carried.**

Police:

- Nuisance properties – he has been working on this but there is still more to do. He is very limited with time, and he is continually dealing with the same offenders. Again, discussed the need for a habitual offenders ordinance. Will get with Reece to discuss options.
- Code enforcement officer – there is someone in mind for this and will be discussed in executive session at the end of this meeting.
- Part-time police job description to mix a job opening with a public works position to be part-time in both areas to make a full-time position. The actual split of hours would have to be decided upon.

City Clerk:

- Clerk will be out the first week of June for vacation. Kelli plans to work that week. A more minimal schedule is desired for her. Look at specific high priority times and set her schedule accordingly.
- 15 sump pump surveys have been returned. 3 have shown interest in having help to determine answers to the survey.
- KMIP CD's mature on 5/21. The current balance of each is \$101,938.93 @ maturity. Decision to keep these 2 CD's going. Roll them both over for another 6-months at the current 3.69% rate.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by A Voth to take the funds in each of the funds and roll them into new 6-month CD's. Motion carried.**
- Let the council know of the public meeting the county is holding on wind energy.

Other Business:

- Park Pea Gravel – the recommended safety depth of material within a fall zone is 6". The current gravel is not at the safety depth. Reviewed West Branch's and JL Unruh's quotes.
- **S Griffin moved seconded by A Kraus to accept the West Branch quote for \$607 for the pea gravel. Motion carried.**
- Community room rental rules update. Make something about the remote being returned and the cost for replacement of a similar item. If any property is damaged the rental will have to pay to return the property to its prior state. TV shall only be used for legal screenings.
- Energy assessment – discussed the energy assessment prepared by the Kansas Rural Water Association. The annual savings are not very high in the calculations, but the other benefits for variable frequency drives exist.
- T-mobile grant update – Voth Construction, Maya Home Improvement, and Vogts Parga have all come out and looked at the project to submit bids.

Executive Session:

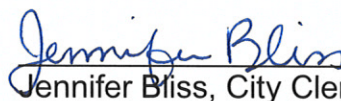
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to enter an executive session for 10 minutes with Mayor, Anthony and council present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried.**
- Returned to open session at 9:17. No action was taken.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Kraus to enter an executive session for 5 minutes with council and mayor present. Motion carried.**
- Returned to open session at 9:26. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk