

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., July 21, 2025
Civic Center Community Room

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

Guests: Glenn Herman, Luanne Soukup

Absent: Anthony Voth, Police Chief

Call to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Consent Agenda:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve the financial report and the minutes of the June 16th regular meeting. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Luane Soukup – can we stop the aerial fireworks in town? She watched a lot of the embers from the aerial fireworks land on top of buildings, and it didn't feel safe. She also asked if we had done anything different with the sewer because she is having a sewer smell come through some of the drains in her house.

Illegal Dumping Ordinance No. 318:

- Presented an ordinance to the council regarding fees for illegal dumping. Discussion was held on the wording of the ordinance. The ordinance was edited to the council's satisfaction.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky, to adopt ordinance 318 as amended. Motion carried with D Adrian abstaining.**

Nuisance Code Notification Ordinance Update:

- Some of the health code nuisances will not be able to be changed as far as easing the notification goes. The grass nuisance code is going to be the only area where any changes in notification will be able to be made more relaxed. Reece and Amanda will exchange ideas and draft something for the next meeting. Also to add a penalty in addition to the abatement costs.

Public Works:

- Presented a handout discussing some options to replace our Rhino mower. Alex reached out to some companies to get bids on a replacement. Discussion was held on the various options presented. Test a grasshopper mower versus a brush hog or pull behind mower. Also investigate attachments Alex thinks would be beneficial with the grasshopper.
- Flushed and tested approximately 1/3 of the fire hydrants in town.

Police:

- Kelli wrote a violation report for the council's review.
- Job description updates. Anthony made some suggestions that have been integrated into the originally drafted descriptions. Made a few changes to the job descriptions. Also feel ready to post the job.
- **J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin to accept the job description for the police officer position as amended. Motion carried.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky to post the job description for the open job and work through the details based on the individual. Motion carried.**

City Clerk:

- Brought to the council's attention some upcoming appointments I have. We will work through them, and Kelli will cover as needed and as she is available.

Other Business:

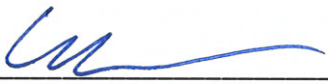
- Threshing Days – James Bowlin is willing to drive through the parade in the police car.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to spend up to \$200 on threshing days parade promotional items if necessary. Motion carried.**
- Community Room Rental Agreement Approval
- **A Kraus moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve the community room rental agreement.**
- Emergency Preparedness Plan – still needs some discussion with the fire district. Tabled.
- Disaster Response Plan – still needs some discussion with the fire district. Tabled.
- Library/City Agreement – discussed the charter ordinance and Reece is comfortable with the language we currently have. Also discussed the charter ordinance on number of board members that can live outside of city limits.
- Automatic Tornado Siren Setoff – capabilities exist that would allow for automatic set off the tornado siren based on the NWS issuing a warning in our area.
- Steel Scarecrow
- **A Voth moved, seconded by A Kraus to approve the Steel Scarecrow expense for Harvest Festival in the amount of \$800. Motion carried.**
- Fire Board Documentation – they currently want to leave everything the way it is. They pay not utilities or rent and would like to stay that way. Services is lieu of utilities and rent is what we are looking for.

Executive Session:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss acquisition of real estate with Reece, council, Alex, Jennifer and Mayor present. Motion carried.**
- Returned to normal session at 8:16.
- No decision was made after the executive session.

Adjournment:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk