

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., May 16, 2022
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Ben Schmidt; Council Members Evan Esau, Dean Snelling, Duane Adrian, Kevin Klassen, Amanda G. Voth; Public Works Karen Dalke; Asst. City Clerk Leda Graybill; Police Officer Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter; Joseph Uhlman – City Attorney

Guests: Fire Chief Matt Voth, Asst Fire Chief Jeremy Voth and Board Member Keith Banman from Rural Fire District #2

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept the consent agenda which included the minutes of the Apr. 18 regular meeting and the financial report. Motion carried 5-0.**

Emergency Preparedness Plan:

• Representatives from FD #2 came with recommendations and questions concerning the need to update the Emergency Preparedness Plan. At this time there are no volunteer fire fighters living within the city limits. If the tornado siren needs to be sounded, Chief Voth is the closest at 2 miles out. He requested clarification as to who is responsible for storm spotting, under what conditions the siren will be sounded and who is responsible for making the call. Copies of the current emergency and disaster plans will be sent to Chief Voth, J Uhlman, the Mayor and Council Members. At the June meeting Chief Voth will come back with recommendations for updating the plan and procedures. K Dalke is getting quotes on updating the FD radios so the siren can be activated remotely.

Library Board Appointments:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to appoint Kelly Schrag and Susan Nafzinger to the Goessel Library Board.**

Appointments:

- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to appoint Jennifer Bliss as City/Court Clerk. Motion carried 5-0.**
- **K Klassen moved, seconded by D Snelling to appoint Greg Nickel as Municipal Judge. Motion carried 5-0.**
- **E Esau moved, seconded by A Voth to appoint Joe Uhlman as City Attorney. Motion carried 5-0.**
- **E Esau moved, seconded by K Klassen to appoint Courtney Demaray as Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0.**

Official Bank Depository:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by E Esau to designate The Citizens State Bank as the official depository for the City of Goessel. Motion carried 5-0.**

Official Newspaper:

- **E Esau moved, A Voth seconded to designate The Hillsboro Star Journal as the official newspaper for the City of Goessel. Motion carried 5-0.**

Public Works:

- Sent in sewer and water samples, attended class, mowing, equipment maintenance.
- Replaced chlorinator diffuser.
- Had 2 bids from Goering Hardware to replace city office heating/cooling unit. K Dalke noted we have had excellent, prompt service from them in the past. **A Voth moved, seconded by K Klassen that city adopt quote 53969B from Goering Hardware to replace city office furnace and a/c. Motion carried.**
- We have received 230 sensor holders and 130 meters using the ARPA funds.
- Vandalism at the ballfield restrooms continues to be a problem. The GRC owns the building, but the city owns the land it sits on. B Schmidt will talk to Chad Lindeman, head of the GRC, to see if we can keep them locked when the ballfields are not in use. B Schmidt will invite Chad to attend next month's council meeting and discuss what options are available. Getting a security camera will be tabled at this time.

- Installed 3 culverts on Church St to replace broken ones.

Police:

- Estimated cost for roll-up door for police carport was approx. \$1000,00, not including framing it out.

Equipment:

- Security camera at Goessel Grocery & Deli has been moved from original location. Officer Voth will talk to James Jantz about getting it moved back. He will also verify what level of access James has to security pictures.
- LP Recognition cameras don't work. The original vendor has been sold and we have not been able to get support or service. If a copy of the contract can be located it will be forwarded to the City Attorney to see what we can do.
- The only individuals with access to the security camera files are the city clerk, Officer Voth and J Jantz at the store.

City Clerk:

- Received a complaint on 112 S. Buller. The house is occupied, but owner has never been in to set up services. The yard is not mowed, contains junk and neighbor is concerned about snakes and rodents. Office Voth will make contact with the resident.
- 506 Bluestem has been sold and new owner expressed interest in applying for the housing incentive.

Nuisance Properties:

- J Uhlman and Mayor Schmidt met with Steve Meyer. They discussed clean-up he would need to have done by the end of May, specifically around the gas pumps. He was encouraged to consider fencing or other means of keeping things out of the public eye. He is using the trailers for his business to collect and move recyclables. If this is correct and they are not being used for storage they need to have current registrations and be moved periodically.
- According to Officer Voth, there has been no noticeable progress made at Penny Morgan's property, 104 S. State St. Officer Voth will issue an ordinance violation.

Other Business:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian that the Evergy Franchise agreement be renewed at the existing terms of 5%, for 10 years, with a re-opener clause. Motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 299**

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by A Voth to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.**

Ben Schmidt, Mayor

Leda Graybill, Asst. City Clerk