

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, December 8, 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

Absent: Anthony Voth

Guests: Glenn Herman, Luanne Soukup

Call to Order:

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

Consent Agenda:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian, to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on November 17th, 2025, and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Water/Sewer Rates:

- Discussed the proposed rates. Topic is tabled for the month until further research into the double amount that is currently charged for out-of-city residents.

Public Works:

- Two contractors have come by to look at the shop and provide painting quotes. Currently no quotes have been received.
- We received a letter from KDHE stating non-compliance with our permit requirements. Alex is drafting a letter to send to them in response to discuss the reasoning behind our exceedances. Briefly discussed the proposals from EBH for a sewer project.
- Alex will be ordering chlorine cylinders for the water system. He will also get bids for propane for the generator at the lift station.

City Clerk:

- Finishing the T-Mobile grant application for the parking lot paving. Ariel asked about extending the sidewalk from the walking bridge out to the street.
- The city's CD's have been renewed.
- De-obligated the CDBG funds from the previous sewer project. The expected expenditures for the newly proposed project by EBH do not fall into the scope of the previous project so we would not be able to use the funds.

Public Officer:

- Reviewed the report Kelli submitted to the council. No comments made.

Other Business:

- Christmas Light Contest – reminder for the council to submit their items for the contest.
- Work Session Reminder – council is holding a work session on January 27th at 6:00 pm.
- Memorandum of Understanding (Fire Department) – we have not yet received feedback from the fire board on any discussions they have had regarding the proposed memorandum of understanding.
- A section about the NVR stored in the library storage room needs to be added to the Memorandum of Understanding (Library). The library also submitted a letter gifting the golf cart to the city and asking that they be able to use it when needed. Upon acceptance of the golf cart, we will need to add a usage section to the memorandum of understanding. For full transparency, the library has stated that the batteries are failing and will need to be replaced.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin, to accept the gift of the golf cart from the library. Motion carried.**
- Park Bridge & Equipment – the equipment is in manufacturing and does not sound like it can be modified per the email with the representative. The equipment is scheduled to be delivered on or about December 11th.

- Insurance – have submitted inquires to get quotes for insurance from KCAMP and Continental Western Group and have not received numbers currently.
- Camera Update – looking for contact information on who to send the cancellation notice to and to make sure that it gets where it needs to go. The plan is to submit it by the end of the month to satisfy the notice period in the contract. Mayor Esau has investigated other options when the contract runs out. HCI and a DIY system were presented to the council. TCW & Nex-Tech are also going to be submitting their numbers after meeting with Mayor Esau.
- Tornado Siren – J Stucky has continued research into the conversion of the tornado siren system. Tabled until further exploration is done.
- Nuisance Code Update – no update currently.
- Need direction on the creek cleanup. We have given notice for cleanup and the deadline has passed. Have Kelli touch base to make sure that the Padget's and Talbert's have the cleanup still on their to-do list. Have Kelli have a first conversation with the Wonser's as well.
- Emergency plans – will need an update once a decision has been made on the set off of the tornado siren.

Executive Session

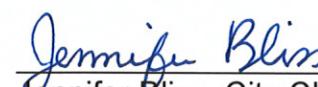
- S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky, to enter an executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and conducting an interview with Mayor, council, James Bowlin and Alex Goossen present. Motion carried.
- Returned to normal session.
- A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin, to enter an executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mayor, council, and Alex Goossen present. Motion carried.
- Returned to normal session.
- A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky, to enter an executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Mayor and council present. Motion carried.
- Returned to normal session.
- A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin, to give Jennifer and Alex a \$300 Christmas Bonus, and to give Jack, Luke, and Kelli a \$100 Christmas Bonus. Motion carried with John abstaining.
- J Stucky moved, seconded by S Griffin, to give Kaylee, Anthony, and James a \$75 Christmas Bonus. Motion carried with Amanda & Ariel abstaining.

Adjournment:

- S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk