

## Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2025

Civic Center Community Room

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

Guests: Luanne Soukup, Glenn Herman

### 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 regular meeting minutes from the October 20th meeting, the special meeting minutes from the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the financial report. Motion carried with Ariel abstaining.**

### Public Comment:

- Luanne Soukup asked a question about the bridge for the frisbee golf course that was discussed at the last meeting.

### Public Works:

- Grader is back up and running. If we get some rain he will be working on the roads.
- Alex will be attending a backflow prevention class for the next two days.
- Alex has not gotten quotes yet on the painting of the shop. He will work on this before next month.
- Working on finishing up the Christmas decorations.

### Police:

- Anthony has been signing nuisance letters.
- A new radio was installed for the police car since the old radio could not be upgraded.
- Anthony intends to be done next February with his police duties with the city. He strongly encourages the council to find someone with the time to give the job the attention it needs.

### City Clerk:

- T-Mobile Grant cycle is open until the end of the year. Clerk will be putting in for the paving of the parking lot again this year. Amanda suggested looking to see if we can add anything else to the project.
- Emailed Darin Neufeld to get an update on the status of the utility expansion we discussed previously.

### Public Officer:

- Provided a write up of the number of violations and types that she has issued over the last month.
- The animal control officer has been working on taking care of animals. He has trapped 10 raccoons, 3 opossums, 1 skunk, 1 feral cat and 1 house cat.

### Other Business:

- Christmas Light Contest/Scavenger Hunt – discussed the mechanics of doing something different this year for the Christmas light contest. Mayor Esau will create a google document based on what the council submits to him. Create a flyer to let people know and to have them put their lights up by the 6<sup>th</sup>. The scavenger hunt form will be available on Facebook, the office, and the grocery store. Start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December and run for 2 weeks. Enter those that got the answers correct into a drawing. Two \$50 gift cards the winners will get to choose from Amazon or Goessel Grocery & Deli.
- Lawn Games Rental Agreement
- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to approve the rental agreement as presented. Motion carried.**
- Security Contract Termination Approval

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- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve the letter terminating the contract with Securitas. Motion carried.**
- Penny Shortage – Clerk wanted the council to be aware of the discontinuation of the penny. We will soon no longer be receiving pennies and will be crediting accounts that overpay and cannot receive exact change.
- Insurance – Clerk is seeking out quotes from different insurance companies. Will also check into KCAMP insurance.
- Investment Update – Clerk renewed the 6-month with KMIP. The consensus was to sign new agreements with Marion National Bank and roll over the current CDs.
- Memorandum of Understanding – Discussed the fire department memorandum of understanding. Reece updated this document with the updates from the previous month.
- Memorandum of Understanding – Discussed the library memorandum of understanding. There are no updates on this yet. The library board held discussion on this and will be submitting an official letter soon with their expectations.
- Park Bridge & Equipment – John has been in contact with a few fabricators to find out some details on getting a bridge and approximate costs for one. Sunflower grant? We have inquired about reconfiguring the new equipment to help it fit better and are awaiting a response. Jeremy Voth is interested in helping but would like to review the plans first.
- Tornado Siren – Clerk has investigated grants to upgrade the tornado siren system. The Local Safety and Security Equipment grant would be a good option. Clerk will watch for the window to open on this grant since it is not currently taking applications right now.
- Traffic Study – Sent the finalized traffic study to Scott Boden. The school is very much interested in the upgrade and willing to assist as needed. Clerk will investigate programs to find funding for the signs.
- Water & Sewer Rates – the rates have not been raised since 2023. Based upon the research that is being done with each of the fund's revenues/expenses, the clerk will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.
- January Work Session to establish some expansion plans and what goals we have over the coming years. Work session to be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to enter an executive session for 10 minutes with mayor, council, Alex and Anthony present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried.**
- Returned to normal session. Nothing to report.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to enter an executive session for 10 minutes with council and mayor present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried.**
- At 8:24 council requested a 10-minute extension to the current executive session.
- Returned to normal session.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to give Jennifer & Alex a \$1.00 per hour raise, Kelli \$0.50 per hour for her public officer position, and Luke & Jack \$0.50 per hour effective 12/1/2025. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.**

  
Evan Esau, Mayor

  
Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk