

# December 2025



## *Christmas Tree Lighting!*

NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> @ BETHESDA HOME

6:00 COOKIES & COCOA,  
PICTURES WITH SANTA

6:15 TREE LIGHTING, ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS DECORATE TREE, CAROLING

6:30 DECORATE TREE, HOLIDAY CRAFT  
& PICTURES WITH SANTA INSIDE

Join the Goessel  
community as we ring in  
the holiday season in  
our small town!



*Merry Christmas* 

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### Library Hours

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| Monday   | 4:00 - 8:00 pm  |
| Wednesday  | 8:00 am-1:00 pm |
| Friday   | 9:00 am-2:00 pm |
| Saturday   | 8:00 am-12pm    |
| Librarian — Gretchen Bookout                                       |                 |
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## Official Notice:

### Discontinuation of Penny Distribution

The City of Goessel has recently been informed by our banking institution that they will no longer be receiving penny denominations from the Federal Reserve.

Consequently, once our current supply of pennies is depleted, we will be unable to provide pennies as change for cash transactions.

To ensure a smooth transaction process, we kindly recommend that if you pay your utility bill in cash, you bring the exact change. Alternatively, any overpayment in penny increments will be credited towards your next bill.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

The City of Goessel



The monthly meeting of the **Goessel Goal Getters 4-H club** was held on November 3, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Goessel High School library. The pledge leader was Mason Voth. Roll call was, "What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?". There were 4 parents, 4 leaders and 20 members for a total of 28 people present. Grace Meier read last month's minutes and they were approved as read. Mackenzie Voth read the treasurer's report and it was also approved as read. Suzanne Meier gave the 4-H council report. Rachel Boden gave the leader's report. She talked about the 4-H Achievement Night Banquet and said there was a great representation from our club. Levi Funk led recreation. For the program, we had new member installation and talked about record book and purple seal goals. Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on December 7 at 3 pm. Levi Funk moved to adjourn the meeting, Jayce Koehn seconded.

Written by reporter,  
Eleanor Unrau



# Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- DECORATE YOUR HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS BY DECEMBER 6; ONLY DECORATED PROPERTIES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON THE PLAYING CARD
- WATCH FACEBOOK OR GRAB A PLAYING CARD BEGINNING DECEMBER 15
- COMPLETE THE SCAVENGER HUNT QUESTIONS CORRECTLY BY DECEMBER 28 FOR YOUR NAME TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING

- DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 29
- THE TWO WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED THAT DAY
- WINNERS CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN GOESSEL GROCERY AND DELI & AMAZON GIFT CARD
- ONE WINNER PER HOUSEHOLD
- PHYSICAL COPIES AT GG&D OR CITY OFFICE

**Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2025  
Civic Center Community Room**

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

Absent: Ariel Kraus, Anthony Voth

Guests: Jim Schmidt, Luanne Soukup, Jennifer Adams, Nathan Ashley

**Call to Order:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to accept the regular meeting minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:**

- Members of the public were present, but no comments were made.

**Variance Request:**

- The Guerrero's submitted a request for a variance to allow them to keep 2 ducks in city limits.
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to allow the Guerrero's the variance allowing 2 female ducks and following the same rules and regulations as described in 2-109 with references to 2-113. Motion carried.**

**Public Works:**

- The city shop is looking like it is time to refresh the paint job on the city shop. There has been interest in someone wanting to do the actual painting. Alex could do the painting, but we do not have the equipment, and his time is somewhat limited. He is willing to do the prep prior to having the building painted. Decision to get some bids to see what costs we would be looking at.
- Get a quote for a mini split unit for the office to replace the outdated air conditioner and the heater.
- Alex is looking into prices to order some more sand and rock for the streets and stockpile.

**Police:**

- James attended a training course and will provide the council with the information that he learned from this training.

**Public Officer:**

- Provided a write up of the number of violations and types that she has issued over the last month.

**Other Business:**

- Fire Department memorandum of understanding. Nathan Ashley and Jim Schmidt attended the council meeting to discuss the draft of the memorandum of understanding. We went line item by line item and discussed any changes that need to be made.
- Library memorandum of understanding. Council reviewed the library draft once more that was edited by the attorney from the last discussion.
- Will come back next month with the nuisance code notification ordinance update.
- Will need to draft a cancellation letter for the camera contract and submit it to Securitas in November.
- Harvest Festival went well and there was a decent crowd. People like the location at the park so we will continue to use that location.
- Mayor Esau would like to schedule a time for everyone to get together and redo the Christmas lights together. November 8<sup>th</sup> starting around 9:00 in the morning.
- We have the official traffic study complete. Will need to get with the school to find out if the grant program is available and how they would like to proceed.
- Discussed the park grant that was put in for last week.

- A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to purchase the equipment, pay for shipping and tariffs and the supervised installation of the park equipment not to exceed \$43,000. Motion carried.
- Discussed some options that were given for adding a bridge in the park for the disc golf course. J Stucky is going to reach out to Jost Fabrication to see about getting a bid.
- Tornado siren – J Stucky did some more checking with Blue Valley Public Safety for their option to automatically set off the tornado siren.
- Phone options – presented a quote from Nex-Tech and will investigate further options.
- December council meeting to be moved due to a school program. The decision to hold the meeting on December 8th at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

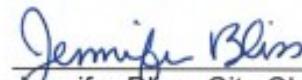
- A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to enter an executive session for 5 minutes with mayor and council present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried.
- Returned to normal session. Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:**

- D Adrain moved, seconded by J Stucky to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk

**Minutes of the Goessel City Council Special Meeting  
5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2025  
Westbranch Park**

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

Guests: Erminio Guerrero

**Call to Order:**

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Park Equipment Purchase:**

- A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to amend the previously made motion for the park equipment purchase to an amount not to exceed \$46,000 and to remove the supervised installation from the purchase. Motion carried.
- Decision to have the equipment delivered to the city shop for storage until installation.

**Park Equipment Layout:**

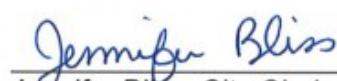
- Discussed locations for the new equipment. The question of whether the merry-go-round could be moved to allow for more room. Also, if we were able to reconfigure the big kid equipment to be longer versus being in a circle.

**Adjournment:**

- S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk



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## Blood Drive Goessel Community

Goessel Church-Fellowship Hall  
109 S. Church

**Monday, December 8**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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DECEMBER 2, 2025  
6:00 TO 7:30 PM

GYMNASIUM FOYER  
GOESSEL HIGH SCHOOL

  
Goessel  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
An Affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation

## December 2025

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| 28                                 | 29  | 30  | 31  | Christmas Break to Jan 6 |     |     |
| -----Christmas Break to Jan 6----- |     |     |     |                          |     |     |

