

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Mon., November 15, 2021
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor Dave Schrag; Council Members Duane Adrian, Dean Snelling, Kevin Klassen, Ben Schmidt, Evan Esau; Public Works, Ron Plenert; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Police, Anthony Voth; Free Press Reporter

Absent: Public Works, Karen Dalke

Guests: Brice Goebel – County Engineer

Called to order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

- **B Schmidt moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept the consent agenda which included the minutes of the October 18th regular meeting and financial report. Motion carried.**

Brice Goebel – County Engineer:

- The council invited Brice to the meeting to discuss the concerns they have with our streets and the dust. He told the council of many options that would benefit the city along with the benefits and costs of each option. We discussed limestone rock, hard rock, sand, magnesium chloride, seals or asphalt layering, and also asphalt millings. In his opinion for dust our best option would be asphalt millings if we were able to find them. Mayor Schrag would also like an estimate of what it would take to pave the frontage road in front of the majority of our local businesses. Brice suggested a 6" layer of hot mix for that particular street and will meet at a future time with Mayor Schrag to discuss it in further detail. Council held more discussion and decided sand might be our best option. They would like us to come up with numbers for the next meeting and also test it on some streets to see how things go.

Penny Morgan – Cleanup Update:

- The home has had new electrical installed and she is currently waiting on plumbing to be done. Over the previous summer she cleaned up the shed/lean-to area. They did not remove it because it protects a storm shelter. She acknowledged that the garage roof needs replaced and they plan on replacing it along with the house roof at the same time. She is also going to reconstruct the front porch. Council agreed to allow 90 days for the roof and front porch to be repaired weather permitting.

Attorney:

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by K Klassen to accept Susan Robsons' resignation as the city attorney. Motion carried.**
- **E Esau moved, seconded by D Adrian to appoint Joseph Uhlman with Adrian & Pankratz as the new city attorney after reviewing his letter of qualifications. Motion carried.**

Employee Wages:

- **K Klassen moved, seconded by B Schmidt to go into executive session to discuss employee wages for 15 minutes with the meeting re-adjourning at 7:30. Motion carried.**
- Return to normal session at 7:30.
- **B Schmidt moved, seconded by K Klassen to give Karen and Jennifer a raise of \$2 per hour effective the beginning of December. Motion carried with D Adrian abstaining.**
- **B Schmidt moved, seconded by K Klassen to give Ron a raise of \$2 per hour effective the beginning of December. Motion carried.**

Public Works:

- Ron reported that they are doing business as usual.

Police:

- The city received an application from Kaylan Miles who is interested in working part-time for the police department. The council reviewed his application and decided that he was qualified and ready to work for us.
- **D Adrian moved, seconded by K Klassen to hire Kaylan Miles at \$22/hour with a maximum hours of 10 per week. Motion carried.**

Water:

- It was decided at this time to not pursue a water project that we had previously discussed.

Clerk:

- The clerk presented the election results and congratulated the winners of the election.

Other Business:

- E Esau presented the council with the idea that the city should do a holiday light contest similar to what other cities are also doing. It was decided that we would have 2 categories for awards; one for the most lights, and one for the best display. Judging will happen between 6:00 and 10:00pm on December 17th and 18th. Winners will be announced at the next council meeting and each category will receive a \$50 gift card to the grocery store.

- Mayor Schrag mention the need to have a crosswalk on the west side of the school where parents' pickup their kids. He said that a lot of vehicles fly through there without regard to the children/adults crossing the road. Karen put up a children playing sign on one side and a 20-mph speed limit sign on the other side. He hopes this will help slow down traffic.
- We also discussed the need for a storage container ordinance. Mayor Schrag suggested issuing 30-day permits while K Klassen thought a 90-day temporary use permit would be more reasonable. Asked to have the attorney get something started on this.

Adjournment:

- **D Adrian moved, seconded by K Klassen to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.**

Dave Schrag, Mayor

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk