

**Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., April 18, 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

Called to order at 6:00 pm

**Consent Agenda:**

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by E Esau to accept the consent agenda which included the minutes of the Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> special meeting and the financial report. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Emergency Plan Update:**

- Plan updated with current contact information and copies made available to council members.

**Public Works:**

- Attended 3 days of training at KRWA Conference and one day at Hillsboro.
- Cleaned lift station sensors.
- Met with rep. from Comm-tronix. They fixed the keypad at water tower and installed 2 battery back-ups and new backplates. Dated to check batteries in 2 years.
- KDHE has mandated all providers do a lead and copper survey to determine what piping every residence has on both city side of meter and on their side and in residence. Started identifying what is in place and looking at what other information is needed and how best to obtain it. We have 2 years to complete the survey and submit the data.
- Cleaned up vandalism in restrooms at ballfield. Discussed getting a cellular trail camera to monitor the area.

**Police:**

- Discussed closing of Marion Co. schools the previous week in response to a threat. Goessel schools remained open but we provided a police presence at the school.
- A Voth is exploring training opportunities dealing with active shooter situations. The county has a broad plan in place, but he would like to see something more thorough in place for the Goessel Schools.
- Concerns about the police car being found unlocked. A Voth would like to see it parked in a secured building. Discussed putting a door or gate on the carport or other options.

**Streets:**

- Portion of Wheat St will be blocked off this Saturday for an auction. This was cleared through Police Dept.

**Other Business:**

- Moundridge Telephone Co is being bought out by Nex-Tech. Moundridge Telco has the franchise for Goessel.

**Executive Session:**

- **D Snelling moved, seconded by D Adrian that the city council recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Mayor, City Council, and the city attorney present for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel salaries. The open meeting will resume in the Council Chamber at 7:10pm. Motion carried.**
- Returned to normal session at 7:10pm. **K Klassen moved, seconded by E Esau to increase the hourly rate for the asst. city clerk to \$18.00/hour, retroactive to March 1<sup>st</sup> when she started filling in for Jennifer. Upon Jennifer's return to work, the asst. city clerk's salary will be set at regular part-time pay of \$15.00/hour. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Nuisance Properties:**

- **Joe Uhlman contacted Steve Meyer 2 weeks ago and has received no response. He would like to proceed with the process to establish contact and discussion. J Uhlman will send a formal letter and if there is no response again, he will contact A Voth about issuing a citation.**

- **Status of other nuisance properties:** Penny Morgan's property will be reviewed at the May meeting. Johnson's property will be reviewed at the June meeting.

**Adjournment:**

- K Klassen moved, seconded by D Adrian to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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Ben Schmidt, Mayor

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Leda Graybill, Asst. City Clerk