

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 21, 2021**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the regular meeting of the Goose Lake City Council was held both in person and electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. Those present included Mayor Schoon Council Members Jan Bormann, Josh Spain, Mike Mattis, Darrin Farrell, Rhonda Lorenzen and City Clerk/Treasurer Teresa Lindstrom were present at Goose Lake city hall at 1 School Lane. Also, Present: Fire Chief Kevin Cain and Rick White. The agenda and this message were in the 3 normal places and posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Goose Lake will be holding the regular city council meeting both in person using social distancing and electronically via a conference call. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Council meetings, however social distancing will be followed. If you would like to participate, just before the meeting start time, you must call 978-990-5247 and enter this access code: 417526. M/S, Bormann-Mattis moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously. M/S, Farrell-Spain moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1792.78	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	278.08	Cenady Soenksen-deliver newsletter	20.00
TIAA Bank-copier lease fee	122.91	Clinton County Sheriff's contract fee	846.25
Employee Salaries	2058.52	Lectronic's - monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services - hauling fee	1520.96	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	357.89
IPERS - December wage report	688.91	Postmaster- stamps	97.00
The Observer-publishing	199.20	Aaron Schoon-snow shoveling	108.00
State Hygienic Lab-water test	13.50	Dave Sellnau Snow Removal Services	1631.25
Kendrick Pest Control	35.00	Eastern IA Propane - fuel	944.60
Hawkins - chlorine	431.09	Teresa Lindstrom - reimburse Yearli fees	126.27
QC Analytical - wastewater test	46.00	Iowa One Call - locates fees	11.70
IA Dept. of Revenue - sales tax	70.00	IA Dept. of Revenue - qtrly withholdings	120.00
IA Dept. of Revenue - WET tax	863.00	Internal Revenue Service - qtrly 941 report	1888.50

Expenses for December were General \$25093.63, RUT \$805.35, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$1000.00, Water \$5673.92, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$2800.09, Sewer Sinking Fund \$525.50, Garbage \$1874.22. Revenues for December were General \$9074.00, RUT \$1997.27, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2371.57, Water \$5315.15, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$3753.88, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2002.60.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. A total of 47:30 hours were spent in Goose Lake. There were 0 citations and warnings; 19 calls for services; and 3 Cases. Marty Jahn, Water Operator, submitted a report on the Water Department stating the monthly reports and tests have been sent to the DNR and he is drafting a letter to be sent to the DNR to detail a plan for the back up well. There was no report from the Wastewater Department. Councilmember Jan Bormann stated the Senior Citizens hope to resume their monthly potluck in March depending upon what the State of Iowa allows. Mayor Schoon stated he had spoken with Mike Chambers of Charlotte Plumbing and Mr. Chambers stated he would be able to make repairs to plumbing at city hall this week.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to address the Council on the end of the year report for the Fire Department. In his report Chief Cain stated the Volunteers responded to 30 fire calls in 2020. The breakdown is: 2 alarm calls; 1 vehicle fire; 2 car accidents; 1 public assistance; 8 structure fires; 12 field fires and 5 other/controlled burns. Chief Cain explained that due to COVID-19 the Volunteers were unable to finish attending their Firefighter I Class; training meetings had to be suspended for a few months; the annual trivia night was cancelled; public safety presentations to students were suspended and Firefighters were unable to go door-to-door to replace and check smoke detectors. Chief Cain stated in the past year with the help of grants, they were able to purchase a thermal

imaging camera; two battery powered portable lights and a gently used compressor and fill station. The last item purchased was new LED lighting for the fire station. Chief Cain stated the goals for 2021 include: finishing Firefighter I training; new member recruitment; continued work on holding trivia night in early April; working with Brian Hoffmann to do a combined event for RAGBRAI riders coming through in Goose Lake. The Fire Department also hopes to upgrade some equipment such as: bunker gear sets, a new computer and printer, and a gas monitor to the equipment inventory. Chief Cain thanked the Mayor, Council and members of the community for their continued support with their fund raisers, donations and words of appreciation for their efforts.

Visitors included Rick White; co-owner of Shaggy's Bar & Grill was present to hear from the Council on the variance request.

Mayor Schoon opened the Public Hearing for the Variance Request by Shaggy's Bar & Grill. City Clerk stated there were two response letters regarding the Variance Request from residents. Both letters had positive responses to the re-opening the building as a bar & grill, however both addressed concerns with the parking issue along Public Street, and one of the letters addressed the issue of snowmobilers who patronize the bar & grill illegally enter private property during late night hours causing damage and waking children. Council was reminded the issue at hand was to satisfy the Variance Request per the current City Ordinance 6-10-9. The other concerns would need to be addressed at a later meeting. After hearing comments and discussion, Mayor Schoon presented the Resolution to approve the Variance Request.

M/S: Spain-Bormann moved to approve Resolution No. 9402 approving the Variance Request made by Rick White, member and operator of Shaggy's Bar and Grill, LLC made pursuant to City Ordinance 6-10-9 to operate the premises located at 233 Main Street in Goose Lake, Iowa as a bar and grill, primarily selling food and alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon updated Council on the correspondence for RAGBRAI 2021 stating he received an email regarding an upcoming virtual meeting to be held on January 29th. Mayor Schoon stated he plans on attending that meeting, and added that he has not heard back from any of the other groups that he previously contacted. Fire Chief Cain requested if Mayor Schoon would look into a possible fee being charged by RAGBRAI Officials for the printing of names or groups in their flier to riders of stops in the various towns.

Mayor Schoon stated an email was sent to Meyer Pest Control in response to his request to contract with the City of Goose Lake for monthly services. Mayor Schoon stated he received a reply back from Mr. Meyer that answered questions of fees, non-compete issues with his former employer, and replacement if he should become unavailable to render services to the City. Council discussed the pros and cons of both contracts.

M/S: Mattis-Lorenzen moved to approve City Clerk to terminate the verbal contract with Kendrick Pest Control as of February 1, 2021 and enter into a new contract that will be reviewed annually for the same monthly fee of \$35.00 with Meyer Pest Control as of March 1, 2021. On roll call: YES - Bormann, Lorenzen, Mattis, Spain; NO - Farrell. Motion carried.

M/S: Bormann-Farrell moved to approve Resolution No. 9403 City Investment Policy as renewed annually. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Mattis-Lorenzen moved to approve Resolution No. 9404 Appointment of City Officer's, with Josh Spain - Mayor Pro Tempore; Melissa Burken-Mommsen - City Attorney; Kevin Cain - Fire Chief; Park Committee - Dwaine Schroeder, Monica Schroeder, Cenady Soenksen and Joy Soenksen. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In Other, Council requested City Clerk contact Republic Services for a new recycling schedule. Council Member Spain inquired about setting up a Facebook page or Website for the City. City Clerk has already contacted GovOffice for possible website construction.

M/S, Spain-Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on February 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake. There will be a special meeting for a Public Hearing on the property tax max levy for FY 2022 budget on January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Kendell R. Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk