

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 19, 2023**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the goal setting session at 6:30 pm. Council discussed the resident without water and future outcomes. Discussion was also held regarding possible expansion of the Goose Lake Fire Department current building space within city hall building. At 7:00 pm Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular City Council meeting to order. Council Members present included: Mike Schmidt, Darrin Farrell, Josh Spain, and Mike Mattis. Absent: Matt Cain. M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously. M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the September 21, 2023 regular meeting, the treasurer’s report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1467.29	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	248.83	Cade Diedrich-deliver newsletter	20.00
TIAA,FSB -copier lease fee	116.04	Clinton County Sheriff’s contract fee	914.40
Employee Salaries	2177.49	Lectronic’s - monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services - hauling fee	1710.10	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	396.80
IPERS - September wage report	517.97	US Treasury - quarterly 941 report	1933.80
Access Systems - copier lease	212.89	IA Dept of Revenue - Aug WET tax	296.50
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	USA Bluebook - parts for water plant	124.72
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	772.39	IA Dept of Revenue - withholding tax	120.00
State Hygienic Lab-water test	14.50	EverBank, N.A. - final pmt old copier	116.04
Lisa Schoon - mowing towers	42.00	Ken Schoon - reimburse mileage & parts	89.73
Christopher Steen - mowing	753.02	USA Bluebook - parts for water plant	189.15
Ken Behn - stump grind in park	75.00	IA DNR - Annual water use fee FY 2024	115.00
Postmaster - stamps for postcards	255.00	Medical Equipment Co - annual AED service	397.70

Expenses for September were General \$3983.96, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$826.72, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$500.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$22,840.13, Water \$5606.44, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$2494.16, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00, Garbage \$2072.27. Revenues for September were General \$3134.29, Insurance \$572.14, RUT \$2641.14, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2925.56, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$19,883.24, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$14,873.86, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2135.00.

The monthly Sheriff’s report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 49:21 total hours logged for the month; 31 calls for service; 0 citations or warnings; 1 case reported. The Water report was sent in by Marty Jahn. The report stated all testing and reports were sent to the DNR; Marty performed 2 locates; the chlorine pump was rebuilt, and he will need to order more parts for next time. There was no report from the Wastewater Department.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to discuss the activities of the Fire Department. In his report Cain listed 1 EMS call, 3 training sessions, assisted in Charlotte with combine fire, and assisted in Low Moor with a corn dryer fire. Chief Cain noted that while calls were slow for the past month, the overall for the year so far is well over 60 calls. The Volunteers went throughout town at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and made contact with some of the citizens to remind them to change their smoke alarm batteries. They also changed some batteries as needed.

There were no Committee reports. There were no city hall maintenance items. Mayor Schoon stated the Park restrooms will be winterized and closed for the winter on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Eldon Schneider, P.E. of Origin Design was present to address the Council regarding the updates on the Wastewater Plant Lagoon Project. He presented the official agreement between Origin Design and the City of Goose Lake for the Engineering Services on the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Improvement Project. Mr. Schneider also discussed the Progress Report No. 1 from the Iowa DNR Environmental Services Division for the WWTF project. Mr. Schneider inquired if all of the residents that were sent letters had signed and returned them. City Clerk Lindstrom stated there were still a few residents who had not returned the letters. City Attorney Melissa Burken-Mommsen will send new letters to those who needed a new one. Mr. Schneider announced the City of Maquoketa will be eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program. This program is determined annually by committee members from the Iowa Finance Authority, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Awards will be announced in January 2024.

Other visitors present was Judy and Barry Buntmeyer of 417 Jackson Blvd. She read a poem to Council regarding her rights as a citizen. Barry was unclear as to where the location of an endpoint needed to be for the water meter.

M/S: Mattis-Spain moved to approve the contract agreement for engineering services with Origin Design for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to approve the Progress Report No. 1 from the Iowa DNR Environmental Services Division. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to approve a building permit with a property line variance signed by Darwin Rickertsen for a garage to be built on the property of Lisa and Ray Bormann. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In discussion before roll call, Council members discussed if the Rickertsen property or the Bormann property were to get sold, could this be an issue. City Clerk stated the building permit along with the variance will both get recorded in the Clinton County Recorder's Office. It was also noted that Mr. Rickertsen did not want the actual driveway of the new garage to come on to his property and did not want to share a driveway area with the Bormann's.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to approve a materials quote from Frary Lumber for the re-roofing of the old fire station. The quote will include shingles and materials necessary to re-roof the entire building for \$3696.23. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In discussion before roll call, Council discussed the labor and hauling of the shingles and materials. It was noted by Farrell that Frary Lumber would deliver the shingles as needed, and other materials could be stored at city hall until March when the weather permits the re-roofing by volunteers.

Mayor Schoon stated he attended a meeting of the Emergency Management Association regarding the future of the current siren systems. It was said that Constellation (Exelon) owns and is currently required to maintain an outdoor warning system. They own 16 sirens within Clinton County in the Southeast corner. Constellation is working on transitioning to a cell phone alerting system and when they are allowed, will "gift" these 16 sirens to the Clinton County entities. Currently there are too many costs and unknown variable to make any definite decisions. More information will be forthcoming from Emergency Management Association.

City Clerk gave Council information on the upcoming increase from Alliant Energy.

In Other items, Mayor Schoon noted that Council Member Darrin Farrell had taken the initiative to have the AED in the Community Center serviced and replaced by Medical Services. Mayor Schoon thanked him and inquired if we could set it up on an automatic service schedule. Farrell stated they could do that. Mayor Schoon also made reference to the idea the Fire Department has been working on for an expansion to their current location. Council Members Schmidt, Spain and Farrell informed the others of the idea to use space within city hall for expansion. Farrell will put an article in the newsletter explaining their ideas. There will have to be public input and future meetings before anything actually takes place.

M/S: Spain-Mattis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on November 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

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Kendell R. Schoon, Mayor

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Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk