

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 21, 2023**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Mike Schmidt, Darrin Farrell, Josh Spain, and Matt Cain via phone Absent: Mike Mattis. M/S: Schmidt-Spain 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 agenda includes minutes of the November 16, 2023 regular meeting, November 29, 2023 Project Kick-off meeting, the treasurer’s report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1592.20	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	248.89	Cade Diedrich-deliver newsletter	20.00
Access Systems – Copier lease	212.89	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 – November wage report	455.05	IA Dept of Revenue – Nov WET tax	291.86
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	The Observer – publishing fees	173.10
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine	287.31	AgVantage – fuel, tank fee & switch tanks	2094.39
State Hygienic Lab-water test	14.50	Marty Jahn – reimburse for batteries	25.33
Ken Schoon - reimbursements	290.12	Bernie’s Htg & Cooling – furnace repairs	295.00
IMWCA – work comp prem.	1613.00	CertaSite – fire extinguisher inspections	303.79
Origin Design – WWTP project	8870.25	Heiar Painting – hang & take down banners	
400.00			
QC Analytical – Sewer Testing	329.00	Dorsey Whitney LLP – legal services	3447.00
Tom Witt – mowing lagoon area	258.18	Teresa Lindstrom – reimbursements	676.51
Clinton Co Auditor – election fee	1232.00	Postmaster – stamps for postcards	255.00
Eastern IA Plbg. – meter repair	85.00	Dan’s Overhead Door’s – Fire Dept door	115.08

Expenses for November were General \$6963.43, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$819.86, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$500.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$7334.21, SRF Sinking Fund \$306.25, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$2375.88, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00, Garbage \$2072.28. Revenues for November were General \$4633.80, Insurance \$863.00, RUT \$1871.22, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$3284.65, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$6127.31, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$4066.83, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2130.00.

The monthly Sheriff’s report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 41:32 total hours logged for the month; 25 calls for service; 3 citations or warnings; 0 cases reported. The Water report was sent in by Marty Jahn. The report stated all testing and reports were sent to the DNR; Marty performed 1 locates. There was no report from the Wastewater Department.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to report on the activities of the Fire Department. In his report Cain listed 2 EMS calls, 1 training session, a work session, meeting that held election of officers. Results of elections are all officers remained the same positions. Kevin Cain, Fire Chief; Matt Cain, 1st Assistant Chief; Darren Farrell, 2nd Assistant Chief; Chandler Sterk, Captain; Adam Cain and Alex Sellnau Lieutenants. Cain noted this brings the total calls to 72 so far this year. Cain attended a siren workgroup meeting with the Clinton County Emergency Management Assoc. regarding the future of the large outdoor sirens in Clinton County.

Cain also met with the Clinton County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Greenwalt and E. Dau regarding the changing of the Fire District area for Goose Lake. Cain had an additional meeting with three township trustees and stated he will attend their larger trustee meeting to present a request to change the Fire District served by Goose Lake Fire Department.

Chief Cain also stated the Goose Lake Fire Department has been awarded a \$9300.00 grant from the Canadian International Railway Company. This is a pass-through grant; whereby no matching funds are required. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Fire Department.

The Goose Lake Senior Citizens presented the City Council and Mayor with a Christmas card and a donation of \$50.00 for use of the Community Center throughout the year.

Mayor Schoon stated he repaired a ceiling fan for the day care and installed insulation in the ceiling above a portion of their rooms. Schoon added the snow fence in the park has been put up.

Discussion was held by Mayor Schoon, Council and Fire Chief regarding the possible expansion of the Fire Department. It was stated the three classrooms at the end of the hall are not being used currently. It could be they are renovated into a new community center, still having access to the kitchen, and the current community center would be renovated to be a part of the fire station. It was decided to hold an information meeting for the entire community on January 9th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. This will give the Citizens of Goose Lake an opportunity to ask questions, voice opinions, and make suggestions.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to approve the agreement with Allender Butzke Engineers, Inc. to perform soil borings for the upcoming Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9442 Opposing the Alliant Energy Rate Increase. On roll call, carried unanimously.

City Clerk Lindstrom informed the Mayor and Council she attended a webinar for the Miller-Meeks Community Project Funding. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting in January.

City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council regarding the bankruptcy of Smart Earth Technology (SET) as of November 14, 2023. The City was given 60 days to find an additional service provider for both the software and the cellular services. The company that will replace SET will be called Fenix USA, LLC. This company will provide both the software services and the cellular services without any changes to the City of Goose Lake. There will be a new fee instituted for this. The Fenix USA, LLC will charge \$1.10 per active device per month. The fees will be charged monthly. Council will look at adding those fees to the current water service fee per customer. More information will be available at the January meeting.

M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to approve Resolution No. 9443 Continuation Services Agreement with Fenix USA, LLC to take place as of January 1, 2024. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In other items, Mayor Schoon spoke with Brad Burken of Charlotte Electric regarding the generator at City Hall. Burken noted the generator was making an odd noise when he checked it. Mayor Schoon is having Tom Witt look into this. Witt also ordered the fuel replacement for all three city generators.

Mayor Schoon stated the electric pole at the sewer lift station needs replaced as it is leaning. He will have Brad Burken look at working with Alliant Energy to get this replaced.

Mayor Schoon also would like to hire Brad Burken to repair the electrical hook-ups for three of the Christmas lights throughout town. The poles have been marked so repairs can be done when the weather is conducive to the repairs. Council will vote on this at the January meeting.

Council Member Schmidt stated there is a secondary source of water that can be used for filling the Fire Departments tanker truck for fires, as well as well drillers to fill up their tanker trucks at the old fire station. The pipe will need to be pulled and repaired there first. He will call Northway Well and Pump to obtain a quote and present to the Council at the next meeting.

Council Member Cain stated he would like to request the City get the option for customers to pay their utility bills online. City Clerk stated that with the new upgrades to her software, this is already going to take place.

City Clerk Lindstrom performed the Oath of Office swearing in Mayor Kendell Schoon, Council Member Josh Spain and Council Member Darrin Farrell for terms to begin on January 1, 2024. The term for Mayor is a 2-year term, the term for Council Members is a 4-year term.

M/S: Spain-Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on January 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Kendell R. Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk