

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 18, 2024**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Mike Schmidt, Mike Mattis, Darrin Farrell, Josh Spain, and Matt Cain. M/S: Spain-Cain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously. M/S: Schmidt-Mattis moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the December 21, 2023 regular meeting, the treasurer’s report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1813.52	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	252.63	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	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	396.80
IPERS – December wage report	470.78	IA Dept of Revenue – Dec. WET tax	291.10
IA Dept. of Revenue – Sales Tax	302.55	IA Dept. of Revenue – State Withholding	120.00
Dept. of Treas. – 941 qtrly report	1904.62	Water Services, Inc – reimburse mileage	180.00
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	Lisa Schoon – shoveling sidewalks	156.00
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine	360.92	AgVantage – fuel	1221.21
State Hygienic Lab-water test	14.50	Fenix USA – Data & Software Hosting	118.00
RK Graphics – decals Fire Dept.	160.00	Bernie’s Htg & Cooling – furnace filters	82.80
Lectronic’s – 2 fire extinguishers	531.00	Alex Aire Appartus 2 LLC – fire dept. hoses	3042.31
Origin Design – WWTP project	2814.50	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	163.45
Postmaster – postcard stamps	255.00	Task Force Tips Fire Equipment	570.28

Expenses for December were General \$1104.95, Insurance \$1613.00 RUT \$817.80, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$500.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$5328.39, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$15479.61, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00, Garbage \$2224.90. Revenues for December were General \$12163.18, Insurance \$488.52, RUT \$2036.08, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2930.90, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$5951.23, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$3912.46, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2135.00.

The monthly Sheriff’s report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 45:38 total hours logged for the month; 24 calls for service; 1 citations or warnings; 1 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 locate for the soil borings that were done. There was no report from the Wastewater Department.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to report on the annual activities of the Fire Department. In his report Cain listed for the year there were 31 EMS calls, 1184 training hours during 40 training events, 8 structure fires, 9 field fires, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 activated alarms, 2 rescues, and 10 other miscellaneous calls for downed power pole, gas smell, tornado, etc. The calls averaged 4.7 fire personnel attending the EMS calls, 10 personnel attending each structure fire, 8 personnel attending each accident and 7.5 attending fires other than structure fires. Cain added the Fire Department held the following fund raisers: craft fair in February, trivia night, BBQ contest and Spaghetti supper.

The Fire Department received donations of several grants including a \$10,000.00 grant that was used to purchase new helmets costing over \$350.00 each; also, a \$9,300.00 grant that will be used to purchase miscellaneous small equipment.

Cain attended a committee meeting with the Clinton County Emergency Management Association regarding the future of the large outdoor sirens in Clinton County. It was decided to recommend to the Clinton County Emergency Management to not accept the "gift" of the sirens since the cost of maintaining the sirens and upkeep is more than small communities can afford.

The Goose Lake Senior Citizens cancelled their monthly meeting in January due to inclement weather. The Giggle-N-Grow called City Clerk regarding issues with their furnace. Bernie's Heating was able to direct them over the phone to get in working correctly.

There was nothing to report for Parks and Grounds. Mayor Schoon has been installing the insulation at city hall as his time permits.

Discussion was held by Mayor Schoon, Council and Fire Chief regarding the possible expansion of the Fire Department. An information meeting was held on January 9th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. No one attended this meeting due to the weather. Another meeting was held on January 18th. No one attended this meeting, however the Mayor and some Council had comments from a few citizens and responded accordingly. Fire Chief Kevin Cain put together a power point on the renovations. This will be available on the city website at www.gooselakeiowa.org on the front page will be a link to click on to view the PowerPoint. Council discussed the project and determined they will move forward with the renovations of the new community center first. City Clerk questioned the project and asked for plans and specifications and how this would be funded. Fire Chief Cain stated he didn't feel the need to spend funds on hiring an engineer to assist with the project. Council Member Schmidt stated a grant from the Clinton County Development Association (CCDA) would be applied for and the matching funds could come from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Fire Chief Kevin Cain stated the fire department volunteers would be the ones doing the work except for the electrical and that would have to be hired by a certified electrician.

M/S: Mattis-Schmidt moved to approve the Volunteers of the Goose Lake Fire Department begin renovations for a new community center to be located within city hall building utilizing the 3 vacant class rooms at the east end of the hall and to apply for a grant from the CCDA and use \$7,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax fund as matching funds for the grant as required. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Farrell moved to hire Charlotte Electric Co. to repair 3 attachments on light poles that hold holiday lights. On roll call, carried unanimously. These repairs will be done as weather permits.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to hire Charlotte Electric Co. to work with Alliant Energy to replace the electric pole at the City Lift Station. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the items that were abandoned by Paradise Massage and Wellness Spa. A certified letter was sent to the owner regarding the removal of these items and given a deadline to have them removed from city hall. Council Member Spain stated he has a contact who can place the items on auction and the proceeds will be given to the City for unpaid rent from the tenant.

M/S: Mattis-Spain moved to dispose of the property by auction if not claimed and removed by the deadline as stated in the letter and sold with proceeds going back to the City General Fund. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to table the approval of Resolution No. 9445 until the February regular meeting. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9446 to lien unpaid utilities on the property if not paid by the 28th of January, 2024. On roll call, Ayes: Mattis, Farrell, Spain, Cain. Abstaining: Schmidt.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to approve Resolution No. 9447, the Appointment of Officers. On roll call: Ayes: Mattis, Schmidt, Farrell, Cain. Abstaining: Spain. Motion carried.

M/S: Mattis-Cain moved to approve the agreement with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department for services for FY 2024-2025. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the application for the Rural County Transportation Program grant and what roads it could be used for. Council would like to use the funds to repair either the areas around the manholes on Jackson Blvd. or towards the resurfacing of Emma Ct. City Clerk will inquire if the funds can be used towards the manhole project.

M/S: Schmidt-Mattis moved to approve the application for the Rural County Transportation Program funding. On roll call, carried unanimously.

City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council the services that Northland Securities, Inc. would be able to provide for the City regarding obtaining possible funding to assist with the Wastewater Improvement Project. Part of the fees Northland Securities, Inc would charge the City would be paid for through the SRF funding that has already been obtained.

M/S: Schmidt-Mattis moved to approve the agreement between the City of Goose Lake and Northland Securities, Inc. for Municipal Advisory Services. On roll call, carried unanimously.

City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council of the insurance rate increase that is expected and the current deductibles. As suggested by our Agent Larry Hand, the deductibles would need to be increased to see any savings in premiums.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to raise the vehicle deductibles from \$1000 to \$2,500 and to obtain a quote on raising the property deductibles to either \$2,500 or \$5,000.00. On roll call, carried unanimously.

City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council of a grant for the Wastewater Improvement Project that would require an income survey being done. The survey would require every household to participate in giving information, but not their name or addresses on the actual survey. Council agreed they could obtain the surveys by going door-to-door and asking residents to fill it out right there so we get them back sooner in hopes of a better chance at obtaining the grant worth \$500,000.00. This would lessen the amount the City would have to borrow and lessen the amount the citizens of Goose Lake would see as increases in their sewer bills.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to approve applying for the CDBG grant and Council going door-to-door to obtain the income surveys required by the grant. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on February 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Kendell R. Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk