

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 15, 2024**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Josh Spain, Mike Mattis, Mike Schmidt, Darrin Farrell, Matt Cain via phone. M/S: Schmidt-Cain 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 July 18, 2024 regular meeting, the treasurer’s report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1820.07	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	317.51	Cade Diedrich-deliver newsletter	20.00
Access Systems – Copier lease	227.45	Clinton County Sheriff’s contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	2130.93	Lectronic’s – monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services – hauling fee	1742.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	410.69
IPERS – July wage report	594.04	IA Dept of Revenue – July WET tax	296.87
The Observer – publishing	71.40	Sherwin Williams – paint for comm. Ctr.	569.30
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	J&S Endeavors – fuel	103.52
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine	375.84	IMWCA – Work Comp Audit premium	695.00
State Hygienic Lab-water test	14.50	Fenix USA – Data & Software Hosting	118.80
IA One Call – locates	15.40	Origin Design – WWTP Project design	723.00
Christopher Steen – mowing	774.54	Lisa Schoon – mowing tower areas	80.00
Ken Schoon – reimburse mileage	42.00	Iowa DNR – annual NPDES fee	210.00

Expenses for July were General \$7684.25, Insurance \$695.00 RUT \$838.19, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$500.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$5408.89, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$2439.59, Sewer Sinking Fund \$482.00, Garbage \$2156.06. Revenues for July were General \$3149.42, Insurance \$121.09, RUT \$1923.51, County Contribution \$2712.14, Local Option Sales Tax \$3399.52, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$14,558.09, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$6707.64, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2469.39.

The monthly Sheriff’s report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 51:20 total hours logged for the month; 26 calls for service; 1 citations or warnings; no cases reported. The Water report was sent in by Marty Jahn. He stated all testing and reports were sent to the DNR. The lead and copper testing will take place in September. He is still working on the lead pipe inventory. Jahn also noted the scales were acting up again and may need replaced.

There was no Wastewater report this month.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain submitted a report on the activities of the Fire Department. He stated there were assists with an accident, a house fire and 2 EMS calls. He attended a Fire Chiefs meeting, held a fire officer meeting to prepare for and ISO audit. Fire Safety presentation was given to Giggle N Grow. Hydrants were tested and trucks tested.

In Committee Reports, Mayor Schoon stated Janice Bormann relayed information regarding the Senior Citizens meetings. They are meeting on August 21st, September 18th and on October 16th there will be an Open House for their 20th Anniversary. There was no City Hall maintenance. There was no Park and Grounds information.

Ryan Keller of Nextair Energy was present to address the Council on information regarding possible energy solutions.

M/S: Spain-Schmidt moved to approve the resignation of Wastewater Operator, Tom Witt as of September 30, 2024. On Roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Mattis moved to approve a building permit for Joy Jensen of 152 O’Brian Street. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to approve a contract with ECIA for writing a CDBG grant for the Wastewater Improvement Project, and to allow them to administer that grant if it is approved. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon reported on the information regarding the outdoor siren system. Currently the siren system is operated and paid for by Constellation (the power plant). It is their desire to no longer support the siren system since most people use their phone or other means for obtaining alerts. It was decided by an advisory committee with the Emergency Management of Clinton County to not take the expense of the sirens on and if the individual towns wanted to bear the burden of that expense it would be up to each town. The radius of the siren reaches 1 mile. The advisory committee stated most people have access to weather radios, TV, phones, computers and other media sources to obtain weather alerts. The new notification system would be done similar to the current “Amber Alert” system where by a person would receive notice on their phone.

Council discussed the options for land access for the Wastewater Improvement Project. Mayor Schoon informed the Council that Duaine Schroeder was not interested in selling land. He added there is another option for leasing land from another resident, however details would need to be worked out.

In Other Councilmember Darrin Farrell made a motion to enter into a closed session at 7:49 pm without the item being on the agenda and without an employee’s written consent. It was seconded by Councilmember Josh Spain. Farrell stated he wanted to discuss the City Clerk’s performance. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Spain, Farrell, Schmidt, Mattis, Cain. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Schmidt to come out of closed session at 8:04 pm. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Spain, Farrell, Schmidt, Mattis, Cain. Nays: none. Motion carried.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on August 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Ken Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk