

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 19, 2024**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Josh Spain, Mike Schmidt, and Darrin Farrell, Matt Cain via phone. Absent: Mike Mattis. M/S: Schmidt-Cain 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 August 15, 2024 regular meeting, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1931.29	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	433.69	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	351.50
Republic Services - hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	410.69
IPERS - August wage report	582.24	IA Dept of Revenue - August WET tax	296.21
The Observer - publishing	282.86	Sherwin Williams - paint for comm. Ctr.	48.99
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	Butt Spray Foam - new community ctr.	6456.71
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	698.68	Water Solutions Unlimited - phosphate	1289.15
State Hygienic Lab-water test	14.50	Fenix USA - Data & Software Hosting	118.80
Origin Design - WWTP Project	301.25	Christopher Steen - mowing	968.18
Teresa Lindstrom - reimbursements	8.99	Lisa Schoon - mowing tower areas	32.00
Eastern IA Plbg. - Endpoint repairs	235.00	Bernie's Htg & Cooling - Air Conditioner	2967.00

Expenses for August were General \$4680.89, Insurance \$695.00 RUT \$843.99, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$5500.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$5375.73, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$2651.90, Sewer Sinking Fund \$723.00, Garbage \$3933.80. Revenues for August were General \$938.96, Insurance \$0.00, RUT \$1775.38, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$3066.13, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$6959.86, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$3766.61, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2157.00.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 47:43 total hours logged for the month; 38 calls for service; 2 citations or warnings; 1 case reported. There was no Water report from Marty Jahn. Tom Witt, Water Operator was present to report on the Wastewater. Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to report on the activities of the Fire Department. He stated there were assists with a structural fire and 3 EMS calls; responded to smoke at a residence in Goose Lake, performed driver/operator pump drill for ISO requirement, work on new community center, assisted Charlotte with the Charlotte Days and participated in the parade. Monthly training & meetings were done and an ISO audit and interview. Assisted with public relations event at Northeast Elementary School.

In Committee Reports, Mayor Schoon stated the Senior Citizens Group were happy with the new community center. Mayor Schoon stated he will be changing out some light bulbs at city hall in the next few weeks. Nothing from Park Board.

Erin Land George, Clinton County Superintendent gave a presentation on the weather alert sirens and the future of outdoor warning and alerting system options. Ms. George stated the Constellation Company has decided as of December 31, 2024 they will no longer support the outdoor weather alert sirens. They have offered them as a "gift" to each town. However, there is a very high maintenance cost to the sirens and they have a life expectancy of 20 years. The one in Goose Lake is already 18 years old. The maintenance costs run from \$18 thousand to \$30 thousand annually.

Ms. George added there are currently several other options where citizens can get alerts on weather and other emergencies. Some of those are through TV, AM/FM Radio, Weather Apps on our phones, Weather Radios, the Alert Iowa and IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System). She added that citizens can also access Alert Iowa in Clinton County by going to their website and signing up at: https://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/emergency_management/alert_iowa/
Ms. George stated there may be a program if a citizen does not have access to a Smart phone or computer, they could apply to get a weather radio pre-programmed for alerts in their home.

Eldon Schneider, PC of Origin Design was present to discuss the updates on the Wastewater Improvement Project for the new lagoon cell. He reported to the Council the various steps the DNR has performed on the plan and has approved them. He also reported the possibility of using fly-ash as a source of soil additive so the City doesn't have to buy such large quantities of dirt for the new cell. Mr. Schneider stated that the DNR allows this through the Environmental Protection (567) Code, Chapter 108. Currently there is fly-ash being dumped at a quarry site that the City may have access to for the new lagoon cell. There is also a possibility of obtaining approximately 30,000 cubic yards of dirt from the City of Maquoketa. Mr. Schneider stated if we do use the dirt from Maquoketa, there would have to be an environmental study done on it first.

Wendy Lippens was present to listen to the presentation from Origin Design.

Rick White was present and inquired about the Resolution listed on the current agenda regarding wind turbines. Mayor Schoon responded the reasoning behind the resolution was due to an email from the Clinton County Superintendent Jim Urwin, urging towns to adopt a 2-mile radius to protect the city limits and to protect the wildlife. Larry Ploog also spoke to the Council and inquired about the same Resolution. Both stated they felt the City of Goose Lake would be infringing upon their rights to do as they please with their land as they were within the 2-mile radius of Goose Lake.

Tim Arnold of Nextera Energy was also present and offered to set up a presentation on the wind turbines and the Pros of them and answer any questions from Council and citizens.

Ryan Keller also of Nextera Energy was present to answer any questions citizens were having and offered to join Mr. Arnold in doing a presentation on the wind turbines.

Chance Kness of Clinton County Emergency Management was present to see if Council or anyone had questions regarding the weather alert sirens.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to refuse to accept the "gift" of the weather alert siren from Constellation. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to table the Wastewater Improvement Project on land. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to hire Seth Ashpole as the Wastewater Operator, as of October 1, 2024 replacing Tom Witt. Tom's last day will be September 30, 2024. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Spain moved to approve a building permit for Todd Jepsen of 102 O'Brian St. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to approve a short-term Worker's Comp Insurance plan with the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI). The City will receive a portion of the premium already paid to Iowa Municipal Worker's Compensation Association (IMWCA). The last day of coverage with IMWCA will be October 15, 2024. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to approve a propane fuel contract for FY 2024-2025 with AgVantage FS for \$1.37 per gallon. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to table the Resolution No. 9451 Requesting Set-Back Requirements until more information can be obtained. On roll call, Ayes: Spain, Cain, Schmidt. Nays: Farrell. Motion carried.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Increasing Sewer Rates. The rate for the surcharge of \$19.50 would be increased by \$40.00 to \$59.50 each month to begin to fund the sewer lagoon project. On roll call, carried unanimously. It was advised by the City's financial advisors, Northland Securities to increase the sewer rates in case no grants were given to the city for the project. All funds would then need to be borrowed through a State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). The City is being mandated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to add a third cell lagoon.

Mayor Schoon set the 2024 Trick-or-Treat date to be October 27th from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved to approve the use of certain streets for the annual Homecoming Parade at Northeast Schools on September 27, 2024. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to approve the annual fall clean-up weekend for October 5th and 6th. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council Discussed the water main break that repaired by Tripple J Plumbing. There was some confusion as to what side of the curb box the break was on and whom should be paying the bill for the repairs to Tripple J Plumbing. Mayor Schoon stated he will contact Tripple J Plumbing and ask for a copy of the photos that were taken on the break site.

M/S; Schmidt-Spain moved to table the issue until further information can be obtained and pictures are available. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to approve Mayor Schoon as the backup for the City Clerk's keys in case of an emergency. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon stated he spoke with Sharon Bormann regarding getting some new equipment for the park playground. Mayor Schoon will put her in contact with the Park Board Members to discuss their options.

In Other, Mayor Schoon stated he was approached by a citizen that wanted to donate 3 oak saplings to be planted in the park. Council agreed this would be fine. Mayor Schoon will direct that person where the trees can be planted.

City Clerk notified Council of the issue with the billing cards tearing in half. It is unsure if the Post Office is having trouble with this or if the card stock being used is not working. It was suggested to send everyone's bill by email if they sign up for it, however that would create a lot of extra work for the City Clerk. She will try to get a different supplier of the billing cards, and if that doesn't work, we will go to full sheet bills in an envelope each month.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on October 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Ken Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk