

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 17, 2024**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Josh Spain, Mike Mattis, and Darrin Farrell, Matt Cain via phone. Absent: Mike Schmidt. M/S: Spain-Cain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously. M/S: Mattis-Farrell moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the September 19, 2024 regular meeting, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1522.83	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.26	Cade Diedrich-deliver newsletter	20.00
Access Systems - Copier lease	227.45	Clinton County Sheriff's contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	2128.91	Lectronic's - monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services - hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	410.69
IPERS - Sept. wage report	617.63	IA Dept of Revenue - Sept. WET tax	295.38
IA Dept of Revenue - withholding	240.00	Internal Revenue Service - 941 report	2344.92
The Observer - publishing	181.75	KAM Line Highway Markings - line paint	470.72
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	Chem Right Laboratories - sewer samples	112.00
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	535.76	Water Solutions Unlimited - phosphate	1289.15
State Hygienic Lab-water test	144.50	Fenix USA - Data & Software Hosting	118.80
Christopher Steen - mowing	580.90	Josh Spain - reimburse roof material	238.77
IA DNR - annual fee	115.00	Lisa Schoon - mowing tower areas	16.00
Associated Insurance Counselors - annual Worker's Comp Premium			5579.00

Expenses for September were General \$4865.66, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$845.23, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$9923.71, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$7197.51, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$25.00, Sewer \$2444.68, Sewer Sinking Fund \$301.25, Garbage \$2156.07. Revenues for September were General \$5371.80, Insurance \$1488.64, RUT \$2685.55, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2492.55, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$7901.23, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$4163.02, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2025.00.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 55:26 total hours logged for the month; 22 calls for service; 1 citations or warnings; 1 case reported. Water report was presented by Marty Jahn. He stated all reports were sent to the DNR. There were 2 locates this month. The lead and copper sampling tests were done and sent in. Jahn added that the chlorine scale is now working, however the phosphate scale will need to be replace and he is looking for a new one. Mayor Schoon stated he is working on getting a fan to operate in the building to alleviate some of the moisture problem in the water plant. Seth Ashpole, Wastewater Operator was present to report on the Wastewater. He stated the fall discharge is going well. He requested to have maintenance done on the lift station as he has it done on the other small towns he operates. Ashpole stated Kline Sewer and Septic would perform the maintenance at a reduced cost since they would be doing the other small towns the same day. The approximate cost would be \$1000.00 to Goose Lake for this. Ashpole stated that sometime in the future he would like to have Mississippi Valley Pump out to look at the pumps and perform any necessary maintenance on them as well. He will obtain an estimated cost for this service for the next meeting.

Council Member Josh Spain gave a report on the activities of the Fire Department. He stated they were going to finish roofing the old fire station this weekend on Friday and Saturday. He had to purchase some additional supplies for the roofing as they were not included in the initial supply run. Spain added that he will contact Lectronic's to see about hooking up smoke detectors in the new Community Center and hooking them to the fire alarm system, along with the lighted exit signs.

In Committee Reports, Mayor Schoon stated the Senior Citizens Group celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary potluck and card playing meetings. There were no City Hall maintenance issues. The Park Board planted 5 sapling trees that were donated.

In recognition of visitors, Amanda Dupont of ECIA was unable to attend. Mayor Schoon stated there were a few people that had approached him about speaking on the two-mile radius resolution that was on the agenda. The first person to speak on this was Gwen Rickertsen, 3870 Hwy 136, Bryant, Iowa. Ms. Rickertsen stated she was representing Clinton and Jackson County residents who are for a resolution asking for a 2-mile radius around the City of Goose Lake. Ms. Rickertsen presented several situations when the wind turbines caught on fire, lost blades or were struck by lightning, and noted the dangers they represent when close to houses and other buildings.

The next person to speak was Rick White, 3738 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Goose Lake, Iowa. Mr. White stated that he is opposed to the 2-mile radius resolution. He wanted to be sure it was just for wind turbines and not telling him what he can or cannot do with his property as a farm owner.

Mayor Schoon then related to all audience members what the exact meaning of the 2-mile radius resolution was for and that the City of Goose Lake was only doing this to protect the citizens of Goose Lake. It is allowable by State Code of Iowa that Goose Lake can pass an ordinance for the 2-mile radius. However, this is a resolution that tells Clinton County Supervisors that Goose Lake does not want a wind turbine being built within the 2-mile radius of Goose Lake city limits.

The next person to speak was Teresa Jacobsen, 1362 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Goose Lake, Iowa. Mrs. Jacobsen stated she is very much for the 2-mile radius resolution. She spoke of the concerns for getting a Med-Force helicopter to land in the area if there should be an accident in or around the Goose Lake area for a person that needed that kind of medical attention. It would not be able to land if there were wind turbines in our area. She also spoke of the many kinds of wildlife birds such as swan, ducks, and geese that fly over Goose Lake to the wetlands and lagoon area to nest. These birds would be destroyed by the blades of a wind turbine.

The next person to speak was Lana Griswold, 2248 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Clinton, Iowa. Mrs. Griswold stated she would be reading a speech her daughter had written for another town meeting on the wind turbine issue. She added that her daughter is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Northeast Community School. In the speech she mentioned the disruption of sleep patterns in children and how it affects their school work and the ability to concentrate due to the noise and light levels of wind turbines. Mrs. Griswold added that they would prefer a 3-mile radius.

The next person to speak was Floyd Marx, 3861 Hwy 136, Bryant, Iowa. Mr. Marx stated he is advocating for at least a 2-mile radius but prefers a 4-mile radius set back. Mr. Marx spoke of the ability to try and sell real estate property if a wind turbine were close by. No one would want to live close to them. No one would buy the property and it would become worthless.

The next person to speak was Loren Jacobsen, 1362 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Goose Lake, Iowa. Mr. Jacobsen stated he has lived on his farm for 53 years. He stated after buying the farm 30 some years ago, he was approached by a company that wanted to build a hog confinement on his property and had it all planned out as to where they would place it. He said no to losing control over his property but also because he lived too close to the Goose Lake community and didn't feel it would be fair to the residents to put up with the smell etc. from that confinement. Mr. Jacobsen stated he is for the resolution for a 2-mile radius around the City of Goose Lake.

In Old Business, Mayor Schoon stated he spoke with Triple J Plumbing regarding the water pipe break. It was determined to be on the customers' side of the main. According to City Ordinance, any breakage from the water main to the residents' house becomes the responsibility of the resident who owns that house. M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to access the fees to the customer owning that line. On roll call, carried unanimously.

New Business. M/S: Mattis-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9458 establishing a Public Hearing for the City of Goose Lake's Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9459 establishing a Public Hearing for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Mattis-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9457 City of Goose Lake's Annual Street Finance Report for FY 2024. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9456 requesting a 2-mile set-back requirement from the City of Goose Lake city limits for the renewable energy wind and solar overlay projects that may take place. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Mattis-Cain moved to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Title VI Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – Sewer Billing Charges. On roll call vote: Ayes: Mattis, Cain, Spain, Farrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Cain and seconded by Council Member Spain that the statutory rule requiring said ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended. Mayor Schoon put the question on the motion and the roll call being taken, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Mattis, Cain, Spain, Farrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved that the Ordinance No. 167 entitled an Ordinance Amending Title VI Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – Sewer Billing Charges, an Ordinance providing for an increase in Sewer Billing Charges now be put upon its final passage and adoption. Mayor Schoon put the question on the final passage and adoption of said ordinance and the roll call was taken, the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Mattis, Cain, Spain, Farrell. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council discussed the large-item pick-up process that has taken place annually within the City of Goose Lake. It was determined there may be residents that live outside of Goose Lake taking advantage of this pick-up weekend by using the large dumpster at City Hall parking lot. For the past 3 or 4 years it has caused the City to obtain a 2<sup>nd</sup> dumpster to unload the overloaded initial dumpster and to pick up items that were simply put on the ground close to the dumpster. The City gets billed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dumpster at around \$350.00. After talking with Republic Service Officials, it was determined that other small towns have a day where residents set their large items out at the curb beside their garbage carts and on that day, they will come by and pick them up for free. This process would alleviate outsiders from abusing the dumpster. M/S: Farrell-Cain move to approve the large item pick-up for next year and years' following be changed to a curbside pick-up process rather than getting one large dumpster for the town. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Mattis moved to approve Dave Sellnau Snow Plowing to remove snow and sand streets as needed in Goose Lake for the 2024-2025 winter. On roll call, carried unanimously.

City Clerk will put a notice in the newsletter to see if there is anyone interested in shoveling snow off the sidewalks in front of the park, the water plant, and the old fire station. This will be presented at the November meeting.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved to accept the resignation of the current City Clerk, Teresa Lindstrom. She has been with the City of Goose Lake almost 22 years. On roll call, carried unanimously. There will be a hiring committee of Mayor Schoon, Matt Cain, Josh Spain, and Teresa Lindstrom. There was an ad placed in the DeWitt Observer on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Several applications have been received. Interviews will take place next week in hopes of hiring by November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a special meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. to approve the recommended new hire for this position.

Mayor Schoon stated the job description for this position did not include taking care of the rentals at the Community Center. He would like to see a local committee formed with a chair person taking care of these duties. City Clerk will put something in the newsletter to see if anyone is interested in being on that committee.

Mayor Schoon added that since we now have Wi-Fi access for the public to use that it should be a code given to those that rent the Community Center for either a party, the voting process, or a meeting. Council Member Darrin Farrell stated he will send that Wi-Fi password to both the City Clerk and to the Mayor by text.

Mayor Schoon stated since we have the new Community Center set up for meetings and such, the small room across the hall should now be able to be rented out as either a small room for a party or for a business that may only need a small space. Currently the Fire Department uses that small room as a classroom for the Fire Fighter One Class.

In Other, City Clerk notified Mayor and Council that Traveler's Insurance will be covering the Worker's Comp insurance for the next year beginning October 15, 2024. The Fire Department will still need to obtain physicals for each member of the department in order to maintain the insurance requirements.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The special meeting to accept the recommended new City Clerk will be on October 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on November 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

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Ken Schoon, Mayor

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Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk