

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 21, 2024**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Josh Spain, Mike Mattis, Darrin Farrell, and Mike Schmidt via phone. Absent: Matt Cain. M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon opened a Public Hearing for the City of Goose Lake's Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. Amanda Dupont, grant administrator from ECIA was present to explain the reasoning behind this public hearing. She presented a Community Development and Housing Needs Analysis Draft for the City of Goose Lake. Community Development and Housing Needs Analysis City of Goose Lake Community Development and Housing Needs of LMI Persons

1. Maintenance to Water/Sewer Systems. A
2. Maintain awareness of water quality and water pressure requirements in the community by replacing old mains when feasible. A
3. Rehabilitate existing housing. Provide for acquisition, demolition where rehabilitation is not feasible. B
4. Promote construction of affordable housing. C
5. Make wastewater improvements in the City. A
6. Maintain and improve streets. B
7. Rehabilitate owner-occupied housing. B
8. Encourage homeownership in the City. B
9. Continue to provide supportive services to lower income residents. B

Other Community Development and Housing Needs

1. Continue planning efforts to identify areas of deficient public amenities such as street, water, sewer, storm sewer, electric utility, etc. A
2. Continue to encourage the rehabilitation of existing housing. A
3. Continue efforts to stimulate the development of owner- and renter-occupied housing units. B
4. Continue efforts to create and support recreational opportunities in the community. B
5. Continue to stimulate redevelopment of the central business district. C
6. Undertake efforts to increase recreational opportunities of all citizens. C
7. Continue efforts to create or add employment opportunities within the city through recruitment of and service to existing sectors of the industrial, retail, commercial and tourism economics. C

Planned or Potential Activities to Address Housing and Community Needs

1. Apply to IEDA CDBG and SRF funds to make improvements to the water system. B
2. Apply to IEDA CDGB and other funding sources for sewer improvement projects. A
3. Maintain adequate utility rates to ensure systems maintenance. A
4. Apply to IEDA/IFA for Home Ownership Assistance programs. B
5. Apply to IEDA Housing Program for additional owner-occupied rehabilitation programs. B
6. Utilize existing plans, engineering studies, and staff to identify and set priorities for public works needs and continue to seek funding of the needs identified. A
7. Continue discussions and cooperation with IDOT and others in transportation projects. C
8. Work as a community to improve appearance of the city in general. B

\* - All Needs and Actions will be ranked by the City Council. The rankings are A = Extremely High; B = Very High; C = High; D = Low

No comments received in the Clerk's office, written or oral. The assessment was updated at the Goose Lake City Council Meeting on November 21, 2024.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved to close the public hearing. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon opened a Public Hearing for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. Amanda Dupont, grant administrator from ECIA explained the grant application process and time-line.

PUBLIC HEARING IN SUPPORT OF THE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW WATER WELL PROJECT – 2024. Note all items below must be presented.

- a) NEED: The project will address the city’s compliance schedule in its NPDES Operating Permit which includes future effluent limits for the Ammonia Nitrogen and E. coli, which the current WWTF is not capable of meeting. Additionally, the WWTF is operating at flows exceeding its original design capacity. The existing WWTF is not capable of meeting these limits. In addition, the projected 20-year design flows and loads exceed the capacity of the existing WWTF, which the proposed improvements will increase the capacity to meet the anticipated limits. The proposed improvements are anticipated to be met no later than September 1, 2026.
- b) HOW PROJECT WILL BE FUNDED: The proposed improvements will be in the amount of \$2,341,650 including construction and administrative fees. The City has submitted a State Revolving Fund (SRF) application and has been approved for a loan in the amount of the total project costs. SRF- \$1,841,650; CDGB- \$500,000.
- c) DATE THE CDBG APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED: The Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application will be submitted to Iowa Economic Development Authority ("IEDA") no later than January 01, 2025.
- d) REQUESTED AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS: The total amount of CDBG funds requested will be \$500,000
- e) ESTIMATED PORTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WILL BENEFIT LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS: 54.64% percent of the funds or \$1,279,477.56 will benefit low-to-moderate income persons residing in the City of Goose Lake.
- f) WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED: The WWTF updates will be constructed on the existing 14-acre, city owned property, where the current WWTF is located, in the northwest corner of the city limits. This improvement will benefit the all of the residents in Goose Lake.
- g) PLANS TO MINIMIZE THE DISPLACEMENT OF PERSONS AND BUSINESSES RESULTING FROM FUNDED ACTIVITIES. By design, no displacement will occur.
- h) PLANS TO ASSIST PEOPLE ACTUALLY DISPLACED. By design, no displacement will occur; however, if displacement is necessary, the City agrees to fully comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104(d).
- i) THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY. The proposed project consists of transitioning the current 2-cell controlled discharge lagoon to a 3- cell controlled discharge lagoon system. The existing Cell No. 1 will be enlarged to accommodate more storage capacity and that a new Cell No. 3 will be created.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to close the public hearing. 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 October 17, 2024 regular meeting, the October 29, 2024 special Council meeting, the treasurer’s report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1630.28	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.44	Cade Diedrich-deliver newsletter	20.00
Access Systems – Copier lease	227.45	Clinton County Sheriff’s contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	3247.69	Lectronic’s – monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services – hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	410.69
IPERS – Oct. wage report	546.49	IA Dept of Revenue – Oct. WET tax	296.89
The Observer – publishing	408.04	Heiar – hang & take down banners	400.00
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	Chem Right Laboratories – sewer samples	300.00
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine	373.84	Origin Design – WWTP Improvements	2831.75
State Hygienic Lab-water test	47.00	Fenix USA – Data & Software Hosting	118.80
Christopher Steen – mowing	387.26	Josh Spain –reimburse roof material & mileage	262.26
City of Maquoketa – shredding	100.00	Teresa Lindstrom- reimburse for postage	29.04
CertaSite – fire extinguisher checks	159.00	IMWCA – work comp prem. Fy 2023-2024	1450.00

IA Rural Water – annual dues 2025	305.00	County Line Concrete – Jackson Blvd repairs	9025.00
Postmaster – utility bill stamps	168.00	Kline Sewer & Drain – lift station cleaning	1000.00
JJJ Plumbing – repairs on O’Brian St.	2017.80		

Expenses for October were General \$3712.39, Insurance \$5189.00 RUT \$1307.48, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2000.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$5850.63, Water Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$1746.88, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00, Garbage \$2156.07. Revenues for October were General \$22234.46, Insurance \$6625.90, RUT \$1893.58, County Contribution \$2641.83, Local Option Sales Tax \$3325.66, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$8523.47, Water Trust \$50.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$8605.55, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000.00, Garbage \$2267.00.

The monthly Sheriff’s report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 43:24 total hours logged for the month; 21 calls for service; 3 citations or warnings; 1 case reported. Water report was sent by Marty Jahn. He stated all reports were sent to the DNR. There was 1 locates this month. Seth Ashpole, Wastewater Operator was present to report on the Wastewater. He stated the fall discharge is going well. Kline Sewer and Drain performed maintenance on the lift station. Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present and gave a report on the activities of the Fire Department. The volunteers worked with Ken Schoon to re-roof the old fire station. There were 4 EMS calls, assisted Andover with a car accident, assisted to Preston with a field fire, another unknown fire and a car accident. There were 2 training meetings held. The volunteers also worked on the new addition in the fire station.

Cain also reported on the re-districting of fire departments. He presented Mayor Schoon with a copy of the agreed upon terms. It was noted there was an error in the verbiage of the agreement. Cain will let them know and ask to have it corrected. There will be a meeting between the Fire Chiefs and Trustees on December 4, 2024 in the Goose Lake Community Center to finalize the agreement and districts. The new district agreement would not begin until July 1, 2025

Cain also stated he has been working with NextEra for funding a project that will pull the old pump at the old fire station location and see about getting it working again to be used solely as water for fire trucks and when well diggers need water. This would save the City from having to pump treated water for the pumper trucks for a fire.

Council Member Mike Schmidt stated the Fire Department will again hold their drive-through spaghetti dinner on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Mayor Schoon stated he put the tree up in the Community Center for the upcoming holiday parties. There was no city hall maintenance done.

Mayor Schoon stated the park restrooms have been winterized and closed for the winter.

City Clerk Teresa Lindstrom stated she put an item in the last newsletter requesting volunteers for doing the duties of the Community Center. There was no response to this request. Council discussed this and it was determined the new City Clerk Melissa Conner will put a shareable calendar on the website where people can see what dates are booked and what is available. They can then fill out the paperwork online and submit it with their checks to city hall and once it is received, Melissa will give the information to a Council Member. The Council Members will then decide who is available to open and close the Community Center for that event.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9460, entitled “Resolution to Approve City Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.” On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved to approve Resolution No. 9461, entitled “Resolution to Approve Salary for City Clerk/Billing Clerk.” On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9462, entitled “A Resolution Regarding the Collection of Payment of Unpaid Utility Bills.” On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Mattis-Farrell moved to approved Resolution No. 9463, entitled “A Resolution Regarding the Collection of Payment of Unpaid Utility Bills.” On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council Member Josh Spain stated it was noted there were no smoke detectors in the new Community Center and none in the daycare rooms. As Council discussed this it was noted there are no smoke detectors in the Council room or in the City Clerk’s office. Spain will work with Lectronics, Inc. to get an estimate for installation of these and add strobe lights to the daycare and Community Center.

In Other, Mayor Schoon stated the customer that had the water leak on their property still had not paid the plumber, JJJ Plumbing. The City Clerk will send payment and advise the property owner they will need to pay the City of Goose Lake or have the bill assessed to their property taxes in 30 days.

Mayor Schoon stated that he worked with Mike Schmidt and Mike Mattis to get the Christmas lights ready to be hung for the season.

Mayor Schoon stated he sent a message to land owners he was working with to get a lease going for the new lagoon site. Eldon Schneider of Origin Design will attend the next meeting in December.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on December 19, 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