

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 20, 2025**

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

M/S: Cain-Mattis moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the January 16, 2025 regular meeting, January 30, 2025, February 5, 2025 special meetings, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	2541.08	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.27	IA Dept of Revenue - Jan sales tax	37.39
Access Systems - Copier lease	227.45	Clinton County Sheriff's contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	3128.91	Lectronic's - monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services - hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	410.69
Teresa Lindstrom consulting	240.00	IA Dept of Revenue - Jan. WET tax	292.55
IRS - 4 th Qtr. 941 report - 2 nd half	1203.92	563 LLC Jakes Liquidation - refrigerator	495.00
The Observer - publishing	120.29	Iowa One Call - locates	5.50
Meyer Pest Control	40.00	AgVantage - fuel at city hall & old fire dept.	1363.84
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	300.98	Origin Design - WWTP Improvements	2493.27
Fenix USA - Data Hosting	118.80	Lisa Schoon - sidewalk shoveling	60.00
Lisa Schoon - newsletter	20.00	Dave Sellnau - snow plowing streets	2101.50

Expenses for January were General \$5719.70, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$1482.27, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2000.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$4536.95, Water Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$1320.91, Sewer Sinking Fund \$39,864.75, Garbage \$2050.95.

Revenues for January were General \$23.23, Insurance \$0.00, RUT \$2008.64, County Contribution \$2420.22, Local Option Sales Tax \$4116.75, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$5909.54, Water Trust \$0.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$8,213.28, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000.00, Garbage \$2113.00.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 49:39 total hours logged for the month; 29 calls for service; 0 citations or warnings; 0 case reported. The contract with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services for FY 2025-2026 was presented. It was noted by Clerk there is no increase in the monthly fee for this year. M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to approve the contract with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department for FY 2025-2026. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Water report was presented by Marty Jahn. It was noted the lead and copper readings beginning in 2025 will be tested at 6 residences throughout the town every 6 months as mandated by the State of Iowa. Water Operator Marty Jahn will contact these residents and provide the glass bottles for the water tests. Jahn also stated he is looking to update the phosphate chemical scale as it has not been working consistently. Jahn also asked the Council for a raise for himself and for Affidavit Operator Duane Levein of \$150.00 (\$75.00 each) and an additional \$25.00 per hour for doing the extra sampling twice per year at the six locations. He said the water sampling would take between 4 and 6 hours every 6 months. Jahn also said they will still be billing the City for the mileage to and from Eldridge, Iowa to deliver the samples in person. Jahn stated this is more accurate testing and would not be delayed by postal delivery. Mayor Schoon stated the extra compensation request would be placed on the March agenda for consideration.

Seth Ashpole, Wastewater Operator was present to report on the wastewater operations. He inquired of the Council if they had intentions of going to an alternative method of wastewater collection, other than the planned third cell. Council made no official motion; however, it was not favorable to deter from the current path of obtaining a third cell lagoon as mandated by the DNR.

Fire Department reported they will be having a trivia night coming up on March 15th. Information will be on the website and in the newsletter. Fire Chief Kevin Cain will be meeting with County officials to determine what they could obtain in additional revenues due to the new regions of coverage. Checks are mailed twice per year, March and September. Farrell asked to have an item placed on future agendas under unfinished business that relates to a contract with the Deep Creek Township.

In Committee Reports, Mayor Schoon stated he spoke with Jan Bormann of the Goose Lake Senior Citizens group and noted they are enjoying the new Community Center and hope to make a donation for the use of it at some point. Mayor Schoon talked with Giggle-N-Grow Daycare and it was noted there are a few light bulbs that need replaced. He will look into this. Nothing from the Park and Grounds.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Schoon stated he met with Lectronics staff and all of the smoke detectors have been installed in every room at city hall. Council Member Schmidt stated they are waiting to have the new smoke detectors placed in the fire department section until construction is completed.

Under New Business, Mayor Schoon stated he had been contacted by Todd Jepson regarding a building permit that was approved for a shed on his property. Mr. Jepson would like to increase the dimensions of the building that was already approved. Council discussed and would like to see an updated drawings of the new proposed building prior to approval. This will be placed on the March agenda.

Council had discussed at the January meeting of increasing the rental amount for the Community Center. Farrell stated he would like to have a separate rental fee if renters wanted to use the kitchen. Council determined they would have no place to wash tables and clean dishes.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to increase the Community Center rent from \$125.00 to \$150.00 and to leave the deposit amount at \$100.00. The kitchen will remain as part of the lease agreement. On roll call, carried unanimously.

The Northeast Ag Business Students were unable to attend this meeting. The item will be on the March agenda.

Discussion was held by Council regarding the empty lots of the Unruh Properties. Every lot will have its own water and sewer hookups. These are individual lots, with the exception of maybe one lot that could be combined as 2. Mayor Schoon stated Ryan Unruh will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss any developments with the Council.

Mayor Schoon stated Erin Meyerman, of the Clinton County Board of Supervisors will be hosting a meeting at the Goose Lake Community Center on March 6th at 6:00 pm. with the Goose Lake City Council, Fire Department, Northeast School Board and others regarding the Lincolnway Community Foundation.

The City Clerk position was discussed. Mayor Schoon stated he placed an ad to run twice in the DeWitt Observer and he contacted a prior applicant to see if she wanted to apply again. All applications are due by February 25, 2025. There may be a special meeting held on March 4th at 6:00 pm to discuss applicants or to determine if further advertising would be necessary.

M/S: Spain-Mattis moved to go into Closed Session at 7:56 p.m. Pursuant to Section 21.5 of Code of Iowa to Discuss a possible real estate transaction.

M/S: Schmidt-Spain moved to come out of Closed Session at 8:01 p.m. Those present included: Mike Mattis, Mike Schmidt, Josh Spain, Darrin Farrell, Matt Cain, Mayor Ken Schoon and City Clerk Teresa Lindstrom.

M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to pursue a lease between the City of Goose Lake and Ron and Wendy Lippens to lease approximately 6.5 acres of land after the harvest in 2025 for the purpose of access to the new lagoon site. On roll call Ayes: Mattis, Schmidt, Spain, Farrell, Cain. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Other: Mayor Schoon stated he removed the flag from City Hall and the Park due to the condition they were in from the high winds. He will get those flags replaced with some of higher quality.

Mayor Schoon also requested an ad be placed in the newsletter for someone to do the mowing, snow shoveling and delivery of the newsletter. That person needs to be 14 years old at minimum.

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 March 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake. There will be a special meeting on March 4th at 6:00 pm to discuss applicants and on March 6th at 6:00 pm for the Lincolnway Community Foundation in the Community Center.

Ken Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk