

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

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Mike Schmidt, Matt Cain, and Josh Spain, via phone. Absent: Darrin Farrell, Mike Mattis. M/S: Cain-Schmidt 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 February 20, 2025 regular meeting, March 4, 2025, March 6, 2025 special meetings, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	2053.14	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.12	IA Dept of Revenue - Feb. WET tax	249.40
IPERS - Feb. Wage report	247.18	FENIX - Data hosting software	118.80
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
AgVantage - propane fuel	2191.18	Lectronic's - smoke alarm installation	2677.32
The Observer - publishing	373.02	Office of Auditor of State - Periodic Exam fee	800.00
Meyer Pest Control	40.00	Charlotte Electric - repairs on generators	1175.35
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	333.36	Origin Design - WWTP Improvements	2018.30
Lisa Schoon - newsletter	20.00	Reliant Fire Apparatus - pumper truck parts	134.92
Quill Corp - office supplies	422.88	Clinton Co. Auditor - drainage assessment	12.00
IAMU - member dues	677.00	Ken Schoon -reimburse mileage & new flags	130.18
J&S Endeavors - fire truck fuel	341.03		

Expenses for February were General \$6026.02, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$3432.26, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2000.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$6611.26, Water Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$1743.64, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2493.27, Garbage \$2156.07. Revenues for February were General \$1301.03, Insurance \$0.00, RUT \$1705.65, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2304.08, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$6006.88, Water Trust \$0.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$8050.17, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000.00, Garbage \$2113.00.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 43:05 total hours logged for the month; 28 calls for service; 0 citations or warnings; 1 case reported. Water report was presented by Marty Jahn. It was noted the lead and copper readings will begin in April. Water Operator Marty Jahn will contact these residents and provide the glass bottles for the water tests.

Jahn also stated he does not have the time to install or repair the meter endpoints. He will however continue doing the water operator position with the current pay. He is looking to find another scale for the phosphate that gets added to the water. Jahn said there is a cheaper one on Amazon, but he's not sure how long it would last.

Schmidt stated it would be better to have a cheaper one, even if it doesn't last that long than to have no scale at all. Jahn will look into this purchase.

There was no report from Wastewater Operator Seth Ashpole. Cain reported for the Fire Department. He stated the department is very close to finishing renovations on their newly expanded fire house. There will be an open house once it is completed. The annual Trivia Night went well.

Mayor Schoon reported the Goose Lake Senior Citizens Group is still ongoing and enjoying the new Community Center. They donated \$100.00 to the City of Goose Lake for the use of the Community Center.

Mayor Schoon stated he has started to replace some bulbs at city hall. Some may need new ballasts in order to get the lights to work properly. Mayor Schoon stated the Parks Committee members will begin cleaning up the park and getting it ready for opening in April. The restrooms will not open until some time in April as weather warms up.

Cain reported on the update for the 28E agreement with Clinton County for the re-districting of fire departments. He said there was a meeting tonight and the Fire Department should know more by the April meeting.

M/S: Schmid-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9473, entitled "A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026." On roll call, carried unanimously.

Tim Arnold of Nextera Energy Resources was present to address the Council regarding rehabilitation of the City's old well system. Currently the well is not operating and Arnold stated his company, Nextera Energy Resources is willing to give the Goose Lake Fire Department a donation of \$7850.00 for phase I of the improvement stage. This is based on estimates received in January 2025 from Northway Well & Pump Company to just pull the old pump from the well casing to determine the condition of it.

Schmidt inquired if the cost to pull the well pump was more than the estimate, would that be on the City to pay this?

Arnold stated yes, the donated funds would be transferred to the Fire Department and any additional costs would be up to the City to pay.

Cain inquired what is the expectation of Nextera after Phase I is completed and the pump is pulled. If we get into Phase II or Phase III and the cost is \$50,000, and we have no funds to cover this or to further fund the project, as the City is already in the middle of a multi-million-dollar lagoon project.

Arnold stated the City would not be investing any dollars that are not already in hand.

Mayor Schoon stated there would need to be an exploratory stage to see if the City and the Fire Department can afford to move forward.

Arnold stated there are no strings attached to the donation.

Cain inquired without a quote, what is the chance that pulling the pump in Phase I will cost more than the initial donation. Will Nextera pay additional funds for Phase I?

Arnold replied he can't imagine the estimate would be higher.

Cain inquired what if it becomes a 3-year project and Nextera leaves town. Is the City left high and dry?

Arnold replied we will go with one step at a time. Further compensation will depend upon the initial phase I being completed.

City Clerk inquired what benefit Nextera would receive from donating to a small community.

Arnold stated they would like to have pictures of the work being completed as well as a photo of a large check being handed to the Goose Lake Fire Department as a donation and recognition of the donation.

Schmidt stated there is a message out there of several people against wind mills.

Arnold stated they are not looking for the City or the Fire Department to give Nextera an endorsement for windmills.

Spain stated they would have to put a hole in the new roof of the old fire station in order to get the crane in there to pull the pump. He added that he is not going to go up on the roof again and re-do this, nor should any other volunteer. He would like to see it repaired by a professional if necessary.

Arnold stated Chief Cain considered this and figured it in an estimate. He added that he will look at transferring the funds.

Mayor Schoon and Council thanked Tim Arnold for his presentation and time.

M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to approve Resolution No. 9474, entitled, "A Resolution to set date for Public Hearing for City of Goose Lake Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026." The hearing will be on April 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to approve Resolution No. 9475, entitled, "Resolution approving Agreement between City of Goose Lake and Government Windows, LLC." On roll call, carried unanimously.

In discussion before roll call, Schmidt inquired of City Clerk what Government Window, LLC was. City Clerk responded this is the Company the City will use to provide debit and credit card payment options to residents for the payment of utility bills. There will be a full explanation in the newsletter once it gets set up. The complete set up should take about 3 weeks.

M/S: Cain-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9476, entitled, "Resolution approving Agreement between City of Goose Lake and ClerkBooks, Inc." for the upgrade of software to the Alpha Edition of ClerkBooks for the full accounting system. The installation will not take place until a date after February 2026. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to approve Resolution No. 9477, to hire Sarah Beeck as the new City Clerk if she accepts the position, as of April 1, 2025 and approving the wage steps she will receive during and after training. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In Other, Mayor Schoon stated he looked at all three welcome signs the Northeast FFA students will be replacing as their project. The sign by the high school will be completed first. The posts for the other two signs will need either repaired or replaced. He will work with Schmidt to accomplish this part.

Mayor Schoon stated he met with City Attorney Brian Donnally regarding the lease agreement with Ron and Wendy Lippens. He also met with the Lippens' and talked to them about the lease being and easement verses an ag lease. Mayor Schoon will work with Mike Schmidt on this.

Mayor Schoon stated the final street repair project for the RCTP grant is in process of being completed. The garbage and recycle contract with Republic Services will be up in October, 2025. Council may consider going out for bids for a new hauler.

Mayor Schoon stated the water plant has some wind damage to fascia tin on the building. He will look at relacing this.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on April 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Ken Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk