

CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 21, 2025

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Josh Spain, Mike Mattis, Darrin Farrell- by phone, Matt Cain- by phone, and Mike Schmidt- by phone.

M/S: Schmidt/Spain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Mattis/Cain moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the July 17, 2025 regular meeting, August 6, 2025 special meeting, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	2034.50	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.69	IA Dept of Revenue - WET tax	297.54
IPERS -Wage report	566.50	FENIX - Data hosting software	135.00
Access Systems - Copier lease	243.03	Clinton County Sheriff- contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	3372.92	Lectronic's - monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services - hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, LLC.- water operations	425.06
Iowa DNR- water permit	210.00	Elan Financial Services- supplies/software	496.08
Meyer Pest Control	40.00	Servpro- floor waxing/carpet cleaning	2025.90
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	253.33	The Observer	568.02
US Cellular - tablet fees	37.41	Iowa One Call	9.90
Test Inc. - water testing	487.00	Sarah Beeck - reimburse mileage/postage	56.00
Origin Design - WWTF Project	12700.00	Ken Schoon- reimburse mileage/supplies	296.72
Medical Equip Serv- AED	185.15	Seth Ashpole- lagoon maintenance	950.00
State Hygienic Lab-water testing	15.50		

Expenses were: General \$12813.74, Insurance \$0, RUT \$521.60, County Contributions \$0, Local Option Sales Tax \$2700.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0, Water \$5916.26, Water Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$3679.07, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0, Garbage \$1825.03. Revenues were: General \$1712.18, Insurance \$141.12, RUT \$1846.76, County Contribution \$2700.05, Local Option Sales Tax \$3730.94, ARPA \$0, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0, Water \$13971.65, Water Trust \$0.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$14437.38, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000, Garbage \$2354.32.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 53:21 total hours logged for the month; 26 calls for service; 0 citations or warnings; 2 cases reported.

Water Superintendent Marty Jahn emailed to report the all the reports for the month and testing have been sent it per permit requirements. Testing for nitrates and sulfates were done last month but the results are not back yet. Lead and copper test bottles for the next round of testing have been received and is planning to get these done in September at the same 10 households. He did one locate this month. He stated everything else is in good order. Mayor Schoon stated some citizens on the old lines are concerned about colorization of their water. Sometime this happens when there is a significant change in pressure and rust shakes lose but the water is treated and safe.

Wastewater Operator Seth Ashpole was present and stated everything looks good. He has been busy mowing and taking down trees at the lagoon site. He has been fixing the waste gate valves that have rusted.

Fire Chief Cain sent in a report stating they have been busy with calls for service. They assisted Low Moor with a structure fire, assisted with traffic control for a motorcycle ride through town, had 3 EMS calls, participated in the Charlotte parade, and had 4 meetings.

There were no Committee Reports.

Servpro came to clean and wax the floors in the two rooms of the daycare, and clean the carpet in the kitchen. Mayor Schoon replaced the lights in the daycare, hallway, and kitchen with LED bulbs. Councilmember Schmidt thanked him for all his hard work. Clerk Beeck will make energy efficient reminder signs to put next to the thermostats. Mayor Schoon picked up a trailer load of dirt for Unruh Avenue, and has 3 out of 4 spots fixed.

Mayor Schoon said the weeds are bad at the park and need pulled, not sprayed. A citizen is concerned the trail behind the red bridge isn't being mowed well. The DNR maintains some of the trail to the marsh. When it is mowed when wet, it is creating ruts. After the lagoon project is finished, we will do rebuild work on the trail.

M/S: Schmidt/Mattis moved to approve the Contract for Services with East Central Intergovernmental Association. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain/Farrell moved to approve Resolution 9492: A Resolution of Goose Lake City Council Approving the Contract for 2025 CDGB Grant Administration to East Central Intergovernmental Association. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain/Cain moved to approve Resolution 9493: Resolution Naming Depositories. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Mattis/Schmidt moved to approve Resolution 9494: City of Goose Lake Investment Policy. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed offering payment options for people with hardships. Customers will need to come the council meeting for approval and agreement will last no longer than six months. M/S: Schmidt/Cain moved to approve a Payment Agreement for Delinquent Utility Bills. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed nuisance ordinances. Mayor Schoon stated we need to set up a committee to come up a timeline, fines, and a collective definition of a nuisance. Councilmember Spain said we all need to be more neighborly and talk with each other, and maintain landscaping that stays on our own property.

Council discussed who has keys from the Senior Citizen Group.

M/S: Schmidt/Farrell moved to approve charging the daycare center \$0.25 per page to use the copier. On roll call, carried unanimously. The daycare still needs to provide their own fridge.

Council discussed redoing the landscaping around the city signs. Some shrubs need removed and Councilmember Spain is going to talk to Behn Stump Grinding.

Other Business: Mayor Schoon stated that on September 26th, there will be a street blockage for the Northeast CSD Homecoming Parade. Councilmember Spain would like to get a waterproof/fireproof box outside the city hall for utility bills instead of going to the old fire station. Mayor Schoon fixed the fascia trim at the water station.

M/S: Spain/Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on September 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.