

CITY OF GOOSE LAKE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

Community News

VISITORS WELCOME – Goose Lake City Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month.

Mayor

Ken Schoon 577-2477

City Clerk/Billing Clerk

Teresa Lindstrom 577-2300

City Hall

(Leave a message) 577-2300

e-mail: teresa@cityofgooselake.com

Fire Station

911 for Emergency 577-2299

Council Members

Josh Spain 563-219-6249

Mike Schmidt 563-357-9728

Matt Cain 563-219-5945

Mike Mattis 563-577-2363

Darrin Farrell 563-212-4509

Sewer Supt.

Tom Witt 677-2107

Water Supt.

Marty Jahn 563-940-0358

Clinton County Crime Stoppers – call 563-242-6595 or toll free at 1-888-883-8015.

IOWA ONE CALL – 811 or

1-800-292-8989 Call before digging!

Community Room for Rent

Call City Hall at 577-2300 to book your date early. Please leave a message on the machine and the City Clerk will return your call. The rental charge is **\$125.00** with a \$100.00 deposit.

Book early for your family get-togethers, parties and holidays.



City Website: <http://www.gooselakeiowa.org>

UTILITY CUSTOMERS

REMEMBER:

You will be charged a **\$15.00 fee** for paying your bill **after the due date on the 20th**. If the 20th falls on a Saturday or Sunday you will have until the following Monday. If 20th falls on a Friday the payment is due by 5:00 pm that day.

Any payments received on the 21st or later are subject to the \$15.00 late fee!

REMINDER:

If you do not receive your utility bill by the 4th Or 5th of the month, please contact the City Clerk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help put some insulation in portions of city hall. If there is anyone interested in helping out please contact Mayor Schoon, or Council Member at the numbers listed.

Mayor Notes

Our September & October had several visitors in attendance and questions were raised about notices to the public. All meeting agendas are posted two days in advance in three locations in town (City Hall, Goose Lake Post Office, and First Central State Bank). The meeting minutes are posted on the City Website (<http://www.gooselakeiowa.org/>), in the City Newsletter, and in the DeWitt Observer. There is also other useful and interesting information on the website.

As always, if you have questions and/or concerns related to the City of Goose Lake, please contact the mayor or a city council member. Contact information is in this City Newsletter and on the City of Goose Lake website. Please look at the attached letter from Darrin Farrell, member of the Goose Lake Fire Department, and consider their ideas.
Mayor Ken Schoon

TRICK-OR-TREAT will be held on Sunday, **October 29th from 3:00 until 5:00 pm.**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!



Possible Expansion of the Goose Lake Fire Department using City Hall Building

Mayor, Council, and City Clerk,

There has been discussion amongst the Volunteer Firefighters about a possible expansion to our current fire station. With room being extremely limited and more volunteers than we have ever had, we have been throwing around ideas on how to combat our issue. First, we threw around ideas of an addition to the east of our current fire station. Second, we discussed a completely new building altogether at a new location. Both of these ideas come with an exponential expense that is not feasible for our City.

With that being said, it was brought to the attention of our department that we could look into extending the rear of the station into what is now the City Community Center. This would allow us to have a deeper station that trucks could be “stacked” in the apparatus bay. To combat the removal of the current community center, which everyone agrees is a nice facility for our town, we would move the Community Center to the rear of the building where there are currently 3 vacant classrooms that had been rented from the City in the past. This would involve removing some walls and replacing the drop ceiling. In addition to making the new Community Center as nice or nicer than the current one, we would also investigate ways to update any AV hookups or other technology needed to potentially host classes, seminars, business meetings, etc.

There are many benefits to this idea and the low cost to remodel as compared to building would be the highest on the list. This project would be partially worked on by volunteers and finished by a contractor to make it even better than the current community center and fire station.

I am looking for any comments or concerns from the citizens of the City of Goose Lake in regards to this idea. Any and all input is encouraged and appreciated. I plan on introducing this idea and having a more formal meeting in which citizens will be encouraged to attend in the future.

Thank you,

Darrin Farrell

Goose Lake City Council

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