

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 16, 2024**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Matt Cain, also by phone, Mike Schmidt, Darrin Farrell, and Mike Mattis. Absent: Josh Spain. M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to adopt the agenda as presented. On roll call, carried unanimously. Mayor Schoon opened a Public Hearing on the FY 2024 Amended City Budget. Council briefly discussed the changes to the current budget, there were no audience members to comment. M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to close the Public Hearing. On roll call, carried unanimously. Mayor Schoon opened the regular City Council meeting. M/S: Mattis-Cain moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting, the treasurer’s report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1618.23	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	258.54	Cade Diedrich-deliver newsletter	20.00
Access Systems – Copier lease	212.89	Clinton County Sheriff’s contract fee	914.40
Employee Salaries	2177.49	Lectronic’s – monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services – hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	396.80
IPERS – April wage report	458.98	IA Dept of Revenue – April WET tax	300.65
Meyer Pest Control	35.00	ClerkBooks – Support hours fee	475.00
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine tank	1414.76	IA Finance Authority – SRF loan pmt.	35,393.75
State Hygienic Lab-water test	35.50	Fenix USA – Data & Software Hosting	118.80
The Observer – publishing	96.45	Mannatts Inc. – Emma Ct. asphalt overlay	43,008.85
USA Bluebook – chlorine scale	1549.35	Origin Design – WWTP Project design	16,122.50
Lisa Schoon – snow shoveling	48.00	QC Analytical – wastewater testing	282.00
J&S Endeavors – fuel fire trucks	98.94	Great Western Supply	174.35

Expenses for April were General \$5200.94, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$1159.00, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$500.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$7255.05, SRF Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$3596.16, Sewer Sinking Fund \$11617.50, Garbage \$2139.91. Revenues for April were General \$23536.84, Insurance \$5058.37, RUT \$1933.84, County Contribution \$2109.63, Local Option Sales Tax \$2802.57, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$6569.56, Water Trust \$0.00, SRF Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$4198.06, Sewer Sinking Fund \$1500.00 Garbage \$2157.00.

The monthly Sheriff’s report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 59:17 total hours logged for the month; 31 calls for service; 12 citations or warnings; 2 cases reported. The Water report was sent in by Marty Jahn. He stated all testing and reports were sent to the DNR. A new colorimeter for chlorine testing and phosphate testing was installed and are working great. City Clerk will work with Marty regarding the lead pipe inventory in town and it will be discussed at the next meeting. There was no report from the Wastewater Department.

Council Member Matt Cain presented the report from the Fire Department. There was a County Fire Chiefs meeting, and Township Trustee and Board of Supervisors meeting at Northeast School, two EMS calls, one in Goose Lake and one in Charlotte, a two-vehicle accident, a grass fire in Low Moor and a facility cleanup day. There was a fire safety education program at Northeast Elementary, assistance with an anhydrous leak in Charlotte, a County fire association meeting, two training sessions, and a hand tool usage and work session. Cain stated they are in the finishing stages for the annual BBQ Contest that will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> this year in the City Park. Cain added there will be a Deep Creek Township Trustee meeting with the area fire chiefs on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Goose Lake Fire Station. There was no Committee Reports.

Mayor Schoon stated Park Board Members Duane and Monica Schroeder donated and planted flowers in the park. Kathy Richards pulled weeds and helped with park cleanup.

There was no city hall maintenance.

Norm Nielsen of Associated Insurance Counselors was present to address the Council regarding questions that arose from the last meeting in April. Mr. Nielsen stated the City has a blanket policy that cover all property, so it can be moved from place to place, such as the equipment in the fire trucks.

Mr. Nielsen added the work comp audit we had several months ago is requesting a roster of the fire department, what positions they serve in the department and who has had physicals and when those physicals took place. He informed Council that under no circumstances should the City obtain a copy of those physicals and keep it on hand. They are between the individual and their care giver. Also, there is a company that will come to the fire station or to a nearby station and perform a physical that will meet the requirements of the Worker's Compensation standards. Council member Matt Cain stated he will present that information to the Fire Department.

Mayor Schoon stated he spoke with Mr. Unruh and the discussion of his land sale has been placed on hold for now. Mayor Schoon also stated there have been no conversations with land owners regarding a possible lease or sale at the new lagoon site due to time constraints.

M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to approve Resolution No. 9453 a resolution entitled "Amended FY 2024 City Budget". On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon stated Council member Josh Spain approached him regarding the possibility of a company that may want to construct a wind turbine in or near the City of Goose Lake. Spain had also contacted the City Clerk and asked to have the item placed on the agenda for discussion and a possible ordinance drawn up to prohibit the wind turbines from being built within the city limits. Mayor Schoon stated he had received a phone call from the City Attorney Brian Donnally regarding the possible ordinance by the City Clerk. Mr. Donnally discussed this with Mayor Schoon who stated there really is no place to build a wind turbine within the city, and suggested the Mayor and Council formally express their opinion to the County Board of Supervisors. The City of Goose Lake has no zoning board governing this. Council will discuss this further at a future meeting.

The recommendations from the audit performed by IMWCA for Worker's Comp was discussed by Council and Norm Nielsen of Associated Insurance Counselors. Council will pass a resolution regarding this at the next meeting.

Mayor Schoon stated he attended the Mayor's meeting in Dubuque, hosted by ECIA. He added the Fire Department had discussed getting electricity installed in the shed at the end of the park to assist in organizing events held in the park. Estimates will be obtained at a later date.

Council member Mike Schmidt stated the Deep Creek Township meeting that was held at the Northeast Community School was well attended. He suggested the City prepare a proposed contract for Chief Kevin Cain to take with him to the next meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> to be able to present to the Trustees regarding a possible new fire district. City Clerk will work with Chief Cain on preparing this contract.

M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

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Kendell R. Schoon, Mayor

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Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk