

CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 17, 2025

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

Mayor Schoon opened the public hearing on the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Environmental Review Information Document. Mayor Schoon reported the notice was published on the City Website and in the DeWitt Observer on March 12, 2025. There were no written comments received in the Clerk's office and there were no audience members to comment. Documents available included project plans and alternative options that were reviewed.

M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to close the public hearing on the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Environmental Review Information Document. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon opened the public hearing for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. Amanda DuPont of ECIA was present and reported the PUBLIC HEARING IN SUPPORT OF THE CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW WATER WELL PROJECT – 2024. Note all items below must be presented.

- a) **NEED:** The project will address the city's compliance schedule in its NPDES Operating Permit which includes future effluent limits for the Ammonia Nitrogen and E. coli, which the current WWTF is not capable of meeting. Additionally, the WWTF is operating at flows exceeding its original design capacity. The existing WWTF is not capable of meeting these limits. In addition, the projected 20-year design flows and loads exceed the capacity of the existing WWTF, which the proposed improvements will increase the capacity to meet the anticipated limits. The proposed improvements are anticipated to be met no later than September 1, 2026.
- b) **HOW PROJECT WILL BE FUNDED:** The proposed improvements will be in the amount of \$2,341,650 including construction and administrative fees. The City has submitted a State Revolving Fund (SRF) application and has been approved for a loan in the amount of the total project costs. SRF- \$1,841,650; CDGB- \$500,000.
- c) **DATE THE CDBG APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED:** The Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application will be submitted to Iowa Economic Development Authority ("IEDA") no later than May 01, 2025.
- d) **REQUESTED AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** The total amount of CDBG funds requested will be \$500,000
- e) **ESTIMATED PORTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WILL BENEFIT LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS:** 54.64% percent of the funds or \$1,279,477.56 will benefit low-to-moderate income persons residing in the City of Goose Lake.
- f) **WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED:** The WWTF updates will be constructed on the existing 14-acre, city owned property,

where the current WWTF is located, in the northwest corner of the city limits. This improvement will benefit the all of the residents in Goose Lake.

- g) PLANS TO MINIMIZE THE DISPLACEMENT OF PERSONS AND BUSINESSES RESULTING FROM FUNDED ACTIVITIES. By design, no displacement will occur.
- h) PLANS TO ASSIST PEOPLE ACTUALLY DISPLACED. By design, no displacement will occur; however, if displacement is necessary, the City agrees to fully comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104(d).

THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY. The proposed project consists of transitioning the current 2-cell controlled discharge lagoon to a 3- cell controlled discharge lagoon system. The existing Cell No. 1 will be enlarged to accommodate more storage capacity and that a new Cell No. 3 will be created.

Upon review of the application and public hearing guidelines, Amanda DuPont stated there is a May 1, 2025 deadline to complete the application process. There were no written comments received in the Clerk's office. There were no audience members to comment.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to closed the public hearing on the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon opened the public hearing for the FY 2025-2026 Proposed City Budget. City Clerk noted the Property Tax Levy had been approved at the March 20th regular City Council meeting. There were no written comments received in the Clerk's office. There were no audience members to comment. No Council discussion took place.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to closed the public hearing on the FY 2025-2026 Proposed City Budget. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Schmidt moved to approve the consent agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously. The consent agenda includes minutes of the March 20, 2025 Special Public Hearing Meeting, the March 20, 2025 regular meeting, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	2053.14	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.60	IA Dept of Revenue - Mar. WET tax	286.22
IPERS - Mar. Wage report	440.31	FENIX - Data hosting software	135.00
Access Systems - Copier lease	227.45	Clinton County Sheriff's contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	2731.33	Lectronic's - monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services - hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, Inc.-water operations	410.69
IA Dept of Revenue - Feb WET	39.56	United States Treasury - 941 qtr. report	1705.06
The Observer - publishing	408.22	IA Dept. of Revenue - State withholding	167.98
Meyer Pest Control	40.00	First Central State Bank - endorsement stamp	60.01
Hawkins Inc. - Chlorine	270.17	Paula VanPatten - newsletter delivery	20.00
QC Analytical - water testing	224.00	Teresa Lindstrom - reimburse software update	1068.93
ECIA - CDBG Grant application	2000.00	Ken Schoon - reimburse lights, paint hooks	86.35
J&S Endeavors - fire truck fuel	278.05	Cummins Ctrl Power - generator maintenance	3178.80
ICAP - annual Insurance prem.	25590.00	Teresa Lindstrom - reimburse postage	9.68
Heiman, Inc - Fire Dept parts	187.39	Heiar Painting - hang/remove Christmas lights	280.00
Chem Right Lab - wastewater test	96.00	County Line Concrete - manhole street repairs	32505.00

Expenses for March were General \$10199.46, Insurance \$0.00 RUT \$819.35, County Contributions \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2000.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$6664.81, Water Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$1549.17, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2018.30, Garbage \$2156.08. Revenues for March were General \$1983.62, Insurance \$442.70, RUT \$1535.49, County Contribution \$0.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$3047.39, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$5864.99, Water Trust \$0.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$7916.17, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000.00, Garbage \$2113.00.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 45:56 total hours logged for the month; 27 calls for service; 0 citations or warnings; 2 cases reported.

Water report was presented by Marty Jahn. It was noted the lead and copper readings have been set up for the weekend of May 9th. The scale is on back order.

Wastewater Operator Seth Ashpole was present to report the spring discharge will be starting up as all tests came back good. Cummins Central Power came in and did the maintenance on all generators.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to report on the activities of the Fire Department. Cain noted there were 6 or 7 grass fires, with a few of those being quite large; 3 EMS calls and assist with a structure fire. Chief Cain also noted there are 3 members who have completed their EMS course and one has already passed their required testing and is a registered EMR. The other 2 are working on scheduling their tests. Also, the Fire Department recently received a \$2500.00 grant from the Lincolnway Foundation. The money will go toward the replacement of one set of gear. One pair of pants and a coat cost \$3600.00

There were no Committee Reports.

Mayor Schoon stated he has purchased some bulbs to replace in the daycare area. There is an issue with the men's restroom. Mayor Schoon said he will contact the plumber.

Mayor Schoon noted the Park restrooms have been unlocked; water is on and he painted the doors of the restrooms. Park Board Member Joy Soenksen has been cleaning up the grounds in the park.

Norman Nielsen of Associated Insurance Counselors was present to discuss the City's annual insurance policy and any changes that may be necessary.

Chief Kevin Cain stated he spoke with Communications and they are moving forward with all of the 911 updates required for the re-assigned fire districts. Cain stated they are still waiting for County Attorney Mike Wolf to get the contracts updated and to the Trustees.

Mayor Schoon stated he pulled two of the "welcome" signs, the one from the East and the one from the West side of town. They are both up at the Northeast School in the FFA classroom for the students to work on as their project. Mayor Schoon painted the posts for those signs at both locations. He added that the sign to the North may not get painted, however he and Dwaine Schroeder will work on removing the old shrubs and replanting them.

Council discussed the option of accepting the donation from Nextara to pull the pump at the old fire station. This would possibly be used for the Fire Department to fill the pumper trucks during the need, and not for drinking water. Council Member Cain stated he felt there were too many unknowns regarding the project, such as what if the pulling of the pump would cost more than the donation. There was not a definite answer if there would be additional funds donated for that or if it would be up to the City to cover those costs. Both Council Members Schmidt and Farrell agreed and added that the City currently has a large wastewater project going that needs to get completed before any other large project such as pulling the pump at the old fire station.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to decline the donation from Nextara and not move forward with the upgrading of the well system in the old fire station. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9478 entitled "Resolution to Approve the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Farrell moved to approve the re-application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by ECIA for the May 1, 2025 deadline. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to approve the Iowa State Revolving Environmental Information Document. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to approve the annual insurance policy with Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) and to pay the premium in the amount of \$25,590.00 with the following changes: add a 1986 Chevrolet Pickup, reduce the value of the old Fire Department building from \$118,441 to \$55,000 and reduce the value of the little shed in the City Park from \$10,160 to \$6,000. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon stated he received an email and verbal confirmation that City Attorney Brian Donnelly will no longer be available as the attorney for the City of Goose Lake. Donnelly recommended Attorney Robert McGee from Clinton. Mayor Schoon spoke with Attorney McGee and he agreed to meet with Mayor Schoon on April 18th to discuss our lease situation and to confirm an hourly rate. The item will be on the May agenda for formal approval.

Mayor Schoon stated the Council had previously in the March meeting discussed a request from Marty Jahn for an increase in monthly pay and for a \$25.00 per hour fee to do additional water testing at City residences homes as mandated by the State of Iowa. Mayor Schoon stated he would like to see the Council either accept the request or deny it and asked that it be on the agenda for the May regular meeting.

Mayor Schoon stated he had noticed the Northeast Community School District had started a project and had moved dirt for the project. He reached out to both, Superintendent Gray and to the Science Teacher who was leading the project to inform them a building permit will be needed prior to erecting a structure per City Code of Ordinances.

Wastewater Operator Seth Ashpole informed the Council that Cummins Central Power was in town to service all 3 generators. The generator at City Hall is in need of a water pump and parts, at a cost of \$2,050 including travel time. It was noted there are repairs needed to the generator at the Water Plant, however the estimate for those repairs was not included at the time of the meeting.

M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to approve the repairs to the generator at the City Hall/Community Center for \$2,050.00. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Schmidt-Cain moved to approve the invoice from County Line Concrete in the amount of \$32,505.00 for manhole repairs on Jackson Blvd. and on Unruh Avenue, including the sinkhole on Jackson Blvd. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoon stated the food vendor T-Daddy's has applied for a vendor permit to operate within the City of Goose Lake. It was noted they will need to provide a copy of their insurance policy with the City listed as additional insured. M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to approve the food vendor permit for T-Daddy's providing the insurance certificate is submitted to the City. On roll call, carried unanimously.

It was suggested by Darrin Farrell that the City pay for the line painting for the City parking lot as well as the line painting of the apron (concrete pad) at the Fire Station. Council discussed this and determined the line painting in the parking lot was not needed, however the painting of the apron can be done. The cost of this was not known at this time but will come from the Fire Department budget.

The idea of allowing waivers on late fees was discussed, such as if someone is out of town to waive their late fee. City Clerk stated that when auditors look at city books that is one item that is looked at with great detail, if a Council person received special treatment of receiving free late fee for whatever reason. There will be no waived late fees for any reason in Goose Lake.

In other, Mayor Schoon stated a resident has been sent a certified letter regarding a nuisance on the property he occupies. He will have 30 days to comply and remove the nuisance per City Code or the City will have to hire someone to remove the nuisance.

Mayor Schoon stated the contract with Republic Services, Inc for our garbage and recycling service is up for renewal in November of 2025. It was suggested the City go back out for bids at this time to ensure we are getting a competitive contract. City Clerk will put a proposal together for the newspaper. Bids will be opened at the May regular meeting.

M/S: Schmidt-Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on May 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Ken Schoon, Mayor

Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk