

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2025**

Mayor Ken Schoon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members present included: Matt Cain, Josh Spain, and Darrin Farrell. Absent: Mike Schmidt, and Mike Mattis. M/S: Farrell-Schmidt moved to adopt the agenda as presented. 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 April 17, 2025 regular meeting, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	1512.00	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.32	IA Dept of Revenue – Apr. WET tax	288.68
IPERS – Apr. Wage report	550.42	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
Quill Corp, office supplies	76.99	United States Treasury – penalty fees	126.76
The Observer – publishing	339.87	Wendling Quarries – rock for street repairs	1042.48
Meyer Pest Control	40.00	Bernie's Htg. & Cooling – HVAC check	90.00
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine	558.73	Paula VanPatten – newsletter delivery	20.00
Sarah Beeck-reimburse postage	19.36	Teresa Lindstrom – reimburse postage	8.16
Chem Right Lab – wastewater test	65.00	ClerkBooks, Inc. – envelopes	233.50
Origin Design – WWTF Project	127.50	Sarah Beeck – reimburse mileage	26.40
Postmaster – stamps	730.00	Christopher Steen – mowing	774.54

Expenses for April were General \$6299.18, Insurance \$20825.00 RUT \$1002.31, County Contributions \$32505.00, Local Option Sales Tax \$2000.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, ARPA \$0.00, Water \$10320.64, Water Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$5937.89, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0.00, Garbage \$2299.19. Revenues for April were General \$21046.51, Insurance \$6193.20, RUT \$1977.97, County Contribution \$2172.33, Local Option Sales Tax \$3001.16, ARPA \$0.00, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$0.00, Water \$6326.33, Water Trust \$0.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$8288.29, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000.00, Garbage \$2113.00.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 56:48 total hours logged for the month; 34 calls for service; 0 citations or warnings; 1 case reported.

There was no water report. City Clerk stated she took the tablet that was given to Goose Lake by Utility Equipment Company when the endpoints were purchased to US Cellular. They determined the tablet was incapable of adding internet service to it as a stand-alone device. They offered a different tablet for \$270.00 and the internet service fee of \$25.00 per month. This tablet would be used to re-set an endpoint if it has stopped sending a signal from the water meter to the Clerk's computer.

M/S: Cain-Farrell moved to purchase a tablet from US Cellular for \$270.00 and the monthly internet service for \$25.00 per month. On roll call, motion carried.

Wastewater Operator Seth Ashpole was present to report the spring discharge is going well and inquired if he is able to do some spraying for weeds and small tree removal in the lagoon area. Council affirmed this could be done.

Fire Chief Kevin Cain was present to report on the activities of the Fire Department. Cain noted there were 3 EMS calls and assist with a structure fire in Delmar, a controlled burn in Miles, and a tractor fire in Charlotte. Chief Cain there were 3 training meetings, a live fire training in Clinton, fire safety education presentation at Northeast Elementary and a County Fire Chief's meeting in Welton. The Fire Department will be hosting an open house of the newly renovated Fire House on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This will also be the date of

the City-wide Garage Sales, and the Annual Barbeque Contest held in the City Park. Mayor Schoon thanked the Fire Department for the controlled burn of the brush in the City Park.

There were no Committee Reports.

Mayor Schoon stated he has plans to replace some bulbs in the restroom at City Hall.

Mayor Schoon stated he spoke with the family of the late Patsey Farrell. They discussed some options regarding possible donations to the City Park. No definite plans or decisions were made.

Mayor Schoon the "welcome" signs, are now being stored in the old fire station. He had spoke with Northeast School principal and with Eve VanKampen regarding the painting of the signs. It was quoted to paint the signs the same as the current signs with blue on white would be \$350.00 per sign. If there were any other colors added or designs added it would be additional cost. After discussion, Council agreed to have Darrin Farrell obtain official quotes from RK Graphics for two new signs. The item will be on the June agenda for further discussion or approval.

Mayor Schoon stated he did speak with Northeast regarding the development of a building being started, letting both the Principal and Superintendent know that a building permit would be required if they intend to put up a structure.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to table Resolution to appoint City Attorney until the June meeting. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the status of the Water Superintendent position and the job description. Council asked if the City Clerk could obtain and update the job description to include the endpoints and the residential water testing. M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to table the item so a job description can be revised until the May 22, 2025 special meeting. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Cain moved to approve the estimate given by Cummins Sales and Service for the water system generator to be done in 2026 in the amount of \$3343.16. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9480, entitled "Resolution to Set Date for Public Hearing for City of Goose Lake Proposed Amended City Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025". On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9481, entitled "City of Goose Lake Credit Card Use Policy". Allowing City Clerk Sarah Beeck to obtain a city card from First Central State Bank for City use only. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Farrell moved to approve Resolution No. 9482, entitled "Resolution Approving Organization Resolutions with First Central State Bank". This allows City Clerk Sarah Beeck to be added as a signor on the City of Goose Lake checking account and access to the bank accounts. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to approve Resolution No. 9483, entitled "Resolution Authorizing a 28E Agreement for Fire Protection Services in the designated areas of Deep Creek Township". On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Spain-Cain moved to approve Resolution No. 9484, entitled "Resolution by the City of Goose Lake, Iowa accepting the Temporary Construction Easement from property owners to the City of Goose Lake, Iowa, incidental to the construction of a sewage treatment lagoon." On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the current lease agreement between the City of Goose Lake and Giggie-N-Grow. Council determined that the cost of electricity, propane and paper products has increased significantly in the past several years. The current lease calls for a monthly payment of \$475.00 and has not been modified since 2018. There was discussion of adding separate meters for the water, however it would be more costly to install since there are no actual plans on how the water pipes run. Council determined there should be a significant increase to help cover some of the utility costs.

M/S: Farrell-Spain moved to increase the monthly lease fee to \$800.00 per month beginning July 1, 2025, and continuing each month thereafter unless either party terminates the lease with a 45-day notice. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S: Cain-Spain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on June 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake. There will be a special meeting on May 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm for the Public Hearing on the amended FY 2025 budget.

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Ken Schoon, Mayor

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Teresa Lindstrom, City Clerk