

**CITY OF GOOSE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 18, 2025**

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

M/S: Farrell/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 August 21, 2025 regular meeting, September 3, 2025 special meeting, the treasurer's report, financial reports, and the following new bills.

Alliant Utilities	2210.19	Preston Ambulance services	45.90
Preston Telephone	353.45	IA Dept of Revenue – WET tax	292.18
IPERS –Wage report	601.89	FENIX – Data hosting software	135.00
Access Systems – Copier lease	243.03	Clinton County Sheriff- contract fee	949.44
Employee Salaries	3159.28	Lectronic's – monthly monitoring	40.00
Republic Services – hauling fee	1777.72	Water Services, LLC.- water operations	425.06
Meyer Pest Control	40.00	Elan Financial Services- supplies	26.56
US Cellular – tablet fees	37.41	The Observer	26.04
Hawkins Inc. – Chlorine	506.12	Ken Schoon- reimburse mileage/supplies	34.00
State Hygienic Lab-water testing	180.50	Sarah Beeck – reimburse mileage/postage	126.85
Origin Design – WWTF Project	1012.65	Associated Insurance	6127.00
AgVantage- tank rent	193.00	RK Graphics – signs x3	2250.00
Behn Stump Grinding	88.00		

Expenses were: General \$9271.09, Insurance \$0, RUT \$479.35, County Contributions \$0, Local Option Sales Tax \$7000.00, Fire Sinking Fund \$0, ARPA \$0, Water \$4888.89, Water Sinking Fund \$0, Water Trust \$0.00, Sewer \$14991.53, Sewer Sinking Fund \$0, Garbage \$1777.72. Revenues were: General \$1458.64, Insurance \$0, RUT \$1933.23, County Contribution \$0, Local Option Sales Tax \$2489.13, ARPA \$0, Capital Projects Fire Sinking Fund \$5000, Water \$6747.31, Water Trust \$0.00, Water Sinking Fund \$3000.00, Sewer \$7704.60, Sewer Sinking Fund \$2000, Garbage \$1777.72.

The monthly Sheriff's report was sent in by Sheriff Bill Greenwalt. There were 57:34 total hours logged for the month; 27 calls for service; 4 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. Lead and copper have been collected and taken to the State Lab. He is still looking at different scales. He did 3 locates this month. There was a water main break on Main Street on the 15th that was taken care of the next morning. Everything else is in good order.

There was no report from Wastewater Operator Seth Ashpole.

Fire Chief Cain was present to report it was a busy month, with 4 of the 8 calls being in the new rural district. This brings them to 62 calls so far for 2025, compared to 69 calls for 2024. On September 26th, First Central State Bank will be using the fire station for their annual grilling for charity event. The fire department will change to a new service to alert them for calls through their cell phones, and hope to be online soon. There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on December 14th, with more details to come.

Going forward, Janice Bormann will not be the contact person for the Senior Citizens Group. We don't know who the new contact person is at this time.

Mayor Schoon fixed a couple of lights and put a new "Utility Payments" box at City Hall. Clerk Beeck replaced a faucet in the kitchen.

Mayor Schoon talked to Christopher Steen about not mowing when it is wet, so not to create ruts. He talked about getting gravel at the path by the red bridge. Councilmember Cain wanted to thank everyone's hard work on the new city signs. Mayor Schoon placed the signs, Dwaine Schroeder and Cliff Mull cut trees. Dave McCoy talked about doing landscaping around the sign by his house.

Council discussed the lease between the City of Goose Lake and New Generations Learning Center. Council discussed the Tenant's concerns with enrollment numbers and possibly adding an infant room. M/S: Farrell/Spain moved to approve a rent reduction for New Generations Learning Center through the end of the year, with a reassessment and adjustment to be made in December. On roll call, carried unanimously.

Council discussed nuisance properties in town. Mayor Schoon is concerned about neighbors complaining of live trees. Councilmember Spain restated we need to be neighborly and talk to each other. He also stated that it is tough for a city to define a nuisance. Mayor Schoon suggested that maybe the school kids could do community service work for Silver Cord Hours for those who need help around the yard. He also wants to look at a fine before hiring a cleanup company. Councilmember Farrell suggested bringing back a dumpster for a spring cleanup. Councilmember Spain wants to get ideas from the citizens and put it in the newsletter.

Council has set Trick or Treating for Sunday, October 26th, from 3-5 pm.

New Generations Learning Center and the City of Goose Lake will be having a Fall Festival at City Hall on Friday, October 31st, from 2-5 pm. This will be open to the public.

Other Business: The City is changing garbage providers starting in November. After garbage pickup on October 27th, leave bins out so Republic can pick them up. AT will drop off new bins that week. Councilmember Spain has questioned whether mowing should be a city employee or an independent contractor. Mayor Schoon will look into our insurance. Councilmember suggested getting bids in February if we go with an independent contractor. Council decided to put it on the agenda for next month.

M/S: Spain/Mattis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. On roll call, carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in Goose Lake.

Kendell Schoon, Mayor

Sarah Beeck, City Clerk