

GOOD THUNDER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

October 5, 2015

The October 5, 2015 meeting of the Good Thunder city council was called to order, at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Robert Anderson. The meeting convened in council chambers located at 130 Ewing Court, Good Thunder, Minnesota. Council members present, Kim Hernandez; Sarah Karels, Jim Prom, Ken Giese. Others in attendance: Hunter Chaffee, City Maintenance; and Cheryl Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving the Clerk-Treasurer's section to the end of the agenda due to the discussion needed for the proposed resolutions. Council member, Sarah Karels, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member, Kim Hernandez, made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015, city council meeting as presented and distributed. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Maintenance, Hunter Chaffee, informed the council of the following:

- Indicated that in performing maintenance on the city's street sweeper parts are difficult to find due to the age of the sweeper as parts are no longer being made.
- The grading sweeper works extremely well.
- The "Archery" signs are done.
- Blue Earth County has requested that the city blacktop the section of street that was removed when the water line project was completed in the alley, between Ewing and Halladay Street, before the winter months begin.

Mayor Anderson informed the council that in speaking with City Engineer, Jeff Domras, about the reconstruction that Bolton and Menk needs to perform on Halladay Street, between Main Street and Sherman Street, everyone is "full." Mr. Domras felt that it would be beneficial for the street to settle but would continue to try to have it repaired yet in 2015.

Blue Earth County will repair the patch work on Ewing Street and charge the cost to the city.

Minnesota Rural Water was contacted by the city to come and again try to locate a water shut off for a residence on the corner of Main Street and Halladay Street. Jeff Dale, MRW, did have success in locating this shut off which was under the sidewalk. The council was also informed that the water shut off at the Ken Giese property needs to be repaired.

Mike Howieson, 600 Sherman Street, was present and requested that the lawn on his property be "smoothed out" as it is difficult to mow some sections of his lawn after the waterline was placed in

the alley. The council also informed Mr. Howieson that the blacktop that was previously placed in the alley, to help with gravel erosion, will be replaced.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, reported for the fire department stating that there were ten (10) calls for September. There were four (4) medical calls, one (1) smoke investigation call, two (2) assists, one (1) mutual aid call and two (2) fire alarm calls. The Fire Department will be at Maple River West Elementary during Fire Prevention Week on October 7th and the 9th. The Fire Department will hold a Pancake Feed on Sunday, October 25th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the fire station.

The council directed City Maintenance to place treated plywood on the windows at the concession stand and to winterize the park buildings as needed.

Council member, Jim Prom, made a motion to approve the bills for payment with the exception of the Boening Brothers invoice as clarification is needed regarding this statement. Council member, Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

John Lillis stated that Hunter Chaffee is doing a good job for the city and Virgil Marble thanked Mr. Chaffee for removing the concrete that was in the alley between Shaubut Street and Mielke Street. Lola Phelps presented the city with a medallion that was made by Arnie Lillo for the 2015 Good Thunder Days medallion hunt. Ms. Phelps stated that there are two (2) weeks left for the Farmer's Market and expressed her disappointment at the turnout of people supporting these vendors. Vendors have declined due to this lack of support. Discussion was held regarding the lack of support and participation from the citizens in Good Thunder. Ms. Phelps stated that if there are any suggestions on how to improve participation she will support it. Council member, Ken Giese, stated that the first platform at the archery range will be completed soon. Mr. Giese also stated that there is a Thunder Valley Archery Park Facebook page for interested parties. Council member, Kim Hernandez, suggested that a flyer be placed at Scheels in Mankato. Council member, Kim Hernandez, presented information from Alex Jermeland, Minnesota Valley Council of Governments, regarding council members having keys to the garage at City Hall. If there is "not public data" stored in this area council members may have access to this area. It was decided that this issue be brought up at the Tri-City Police Commission meeting.

Mayor Robert Anderson brought up the subject of the city remaining in the Tri-City Police Department. Mayor Anderson stated that he has heard from citizens questioning the time that the police department spends in Good Thunder and that communication and cooperation is needed. Council member, Ken Giese stated that he feels more time needs to be given to seeing this work as we need to work to the common goal. It's a growing year but agreed that there does need to be communication and cooperation from the department. Council member, Sarah Karels, stated that Tri-City Police Chief Jordan makes an effort to touch base with Ms. Barnard and Mr. Chaffee and suggested that council members call and talk to Police Chief Jordan with their concerns. Council members Jim Prom, and Kim Hernandez, agreed with Mayor Anderson and Council member Giese's statements with Ms. Hernandez expressing her concern regarding the departments increased budget

request for 2016. Mike Howieson, resident of Good Thunder, suggested that since the city pays for forty (40) percent of the police department's budget, it should use this leverage to obtain reports showing hours spent in Good Thunder, and carry out what is outlined in the contract, and give it another six (6) months.

Council member, Kim Hernandez made a motion to hold an informational meeting to gather citizen input regarding the Tri-City Police Department on Monday, October 19th from 6:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, presented Resolution 2015-07 a resolution amending and updating Chapter 3 Utilities of the Good Thunder City Code. Ms. Barnard informed the council that this amendment updated the language for all franchise agreements and included language for the Wellhead Protection Plan and sump pump installation etc. Discussion followed.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion approving Resolution No. 2015-17 with changes as indicated on page 7 Subd. 12 and page 16 Subd. 3. Council member Jim Prom, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At the September council meeting Clerk-Treasurer Barnard had presented an ordinance regarding Animals. It was decided to table Chapter 16-Animals until a later date.

The council made a motion to pay the invoice for the Scheurers Tree Service, of Elysian, for the tree removal in the right of way between Shaubut Street and Mielke Street adjoining the Lee Hiller property.

Council member, Ken Giese, made motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member, Kim Hernandez, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard
City Clerk-Treasurer

