

## GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

April 13, 2020

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00p at City Hall at 130 S Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors Ron Kaul, Sarah Karels and Councilor Jim Prom & Tom Froehlich were present. City Staff Brian Beckel, City Maintenance, and Ashney Helleksen, City Clerk-Treasurer were also present. Mayor Robert Anderson presided. Pledge was recited immediately followed by a moment of silence.

City Auditor Greg Burkhardt presented the audit findings via Zoom & slide show. The city is maintaining pretty good numbers and consistent findings in the General funds. Public works was over budget by about \$140,000 last year. There was a profit in the water fund but over budget in the operating funds for repairs and maintenance. The Sewer fund in operating expenses we were about \$172,000 over budgeted. There is money in the sewer fund for investments and with out having the lagoon payment now, we will start seeing gains, about \$62,000 annually. The refuse account is breaking even. We are seeing pretty good results with the enterprise funds.

Council decided that we will continue to have audits done semi-annually. They will plan to be back in the office around August.

In viewing the auditors report, it was discussed about the upcoming sewer project and where the account currently stands. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General fund to the sewer fund. Councilor Kaul seconded the motion to transfer funds and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Prom made the motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Councilor Froehlich seconded; motion carried unanimously and Councilor Froehlich made the motion to approve Bills, Councilor Prom seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Council suggested that we invited the Solar Farm company to the need meeting so they can give us an update and explain the process and how its working for our city.

**Deputy Phillips** wasn't present; submitted a reported 57 hours of coverage in March.

**Fire Department - Chief Klammer** wasn't present; submitted a report with 1 medical call for the month of March. They had 13 members take the first responders' refresher, they purchased a LUCAS 3 chest compression systems and the Fire relied wrote the city a check for \$20,000 for the purchase of the LUCAS 3 and new boots for the members as they were out of date.

**Water & Sewer - Brian Severns** wasn't present but submitted a graph with good reporting's for the month of March and will do his first discharge of the spring the following week. I & I numbers look good.

**City Maintenance – Brian Beckel** Zoning permits GT20-2 for a shed & GT20-3 for a privacy fence were addressed. Council Prom made a motion to approve GT20-2 & GT20-3. Councilor Kaul seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Karle's abstained as one of the permits was for her address.

An estimate was submitted for a couple blocks of Main Street to be repaired. Nielsen blacktopping said they would honor the price from last year that they gave us. An estimate from Hydroclean was also submitted for a manhole repair. Brian stated that it seemed a little high, so we look at different option. There was also an estimate for the lining for the sewer project off of Front St.

The sewer main behind the restaurant needs to be jetted again due to grease build up. The business owner has been contacted as well to make them aware. Blue Earth County is looking to repairing front street in 2024, would have Jetter Clean televise before this project. City park restrooms will remain closed until the Covid passes and we have the bathrooms cleaned and sanitized, same with park equipment.

Council suggested to have the City attorney reach out to Pongratz to see where they are at with the easement. Its starting to get warm out so it would be nice to get moving on this project.

**City Clerk – Ashney Helleksen** : Our April book donations from Capstone Publishing have been delayed due to Covid-19, they are unable to get into the warehouse to get the books, as soon as they are back up and running we will get our donations. The city was also awarded for a matching book grant from The Pilcrow Foundation. They provide new quality hard cover books for the youth in the community. They will be sending out an informational packet later this month. Helleksen is working on update the "little library" as the currently one is leaking on the books. Helleksen received a old mini fridge with a glass front tat will become the new little library, she is doing the work in her off time.

City wide clean up has been postponed until the fall, this was a choice made by LJP, they will get back to use around May to set up dates.

### **Community Comment**

N/A

### **Unfinished Business:**

*Small City Development Loan:* The status of the loan was discussed.

### **New Business:**

Councilor Froehlich mentioned that maybe it would be a good idea to get a quote for cameras on the fire station, not on the inside but on the outside of the building. It could cover the

building, like the city shop but it would also the cover the Bell tower incase anything was to ever happen over there. The full council agreed that getting a quote would be a good idea. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve Helleksen to get a quote from Hawk Alarms for an 8-camera hard drive and 4 camera's system. Councilor Karels seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Misc. Business:**

N/A

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Prom seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45p

Ashney Helleksen, Clerk-Treasurer