

GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

February 10, 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 Tom Froehlich, Ron Kaul, were present. Councilor Sarah Karels arrived late and Councilor Jim Prom was absent. 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.

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

Deputy Phillips was absent but emailed his calls for the month. "98 total hours. The city is only billed for 40 hours. 73 calls for service, 26 of those being 911/non-emergency calls with the balance being directed patrol times for the City when a deputy was in town."

Fire Department - Chief Klammer

There were 6 calls. 4 medicals, 1 mutual aid and 1 fire.

The blood drive did 17 units.

Water & Sewer - Brian Severns

Severns wasn't present.

Beckel stated Floats going in at the lift station the following week.

City Maintenance – Brian Beckel

Pongratz field has been survived for the upcoming project, DMI was out to do measurements. Storm in front of the city shop will be run out to the street. It currently has a 6" pipe, but has a new drive over basin.

City Clerk – Ashney Helleksen

-Consolidate Communications finally stopped billing us for internet at the ballfield after 15 months. No credit has been issued as of yet for the billing issue.

-Utility billing issues – all accounts have been looked at and rates corrected on accounts that were set wrong. Every account should be being billed the correct amount.

-Houk St sidewalk project, two residents have paid there portion back in full already, 1 resident paid half and the other is making monthly payments.

Community Comment

N/A

Unfinished Business:

Pongratz field easement – Bolton and Menk are working on getting the paper work together so we can get it over to the city attorney and then to the family to review.

Economic Development- set a meeting. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to set up a meeting to discuss EDA with the city attorney & auditor for the 24th or 25th of February between 5:30-6:00pm starting time. Councilor Kaul seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Karels wrote a letter to the council to address city employment and how January's meeting went down, since councilor Karels was not here at this time, it was decided to table the discussion. Councilor Froehlich suggested we discuss it at the Special meeting on the 24/25. Councilor Froehlich amended his motion previously made to add City Employment to the special meeting, Councilor Kaul second and that motion passed unanimously.

120 S. Houk St. – Ms. Johnson-Kelley dropped of invoices to city hall for the work that was done in early 2019 from a water line breaking in the alley and into her basement. Mayor Anderson suggested that Councilor Kaul & Beckel investigate and see what she would like and what is going on. That she may have had a blockage, but we replaced that. Will table further discussion until next month's meeting when we know more.

New Business:

Resolution 2020-01: Chapter 12 correcting tobacco ages in the city code to reflection the federal age restriction. Motion made by Councilor Froehlich, seconded by Councilor Kaul, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-02: Chapter 34 fees corrected in the city code. Motion made by Councilor Kaul, Seconded by Councilor Froehlich, motion carried unanimously.

530 Sherman St: Utilities have not been being billed for this property since October 2018. Letter was sent to the property owners. We are digging into the issue and try to get it resolved as soon as possible.

Direct Deposit: Helleksen brought in an estimate for the Banyan addon to get direct deposit set up for the employees. Councilor Kaul made a motion to approve getting the direct deposit add on, councilor Froehlich seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Misc. Business:

Blue Earth County Fair sent out a donation request letter, the City of Good Thunder donated \$100 last year. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to make the same donation as last year. Councilor Kaul seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors & Clerks meeting: The city of Good Thunder is hosting the meeting for April 16, 2020. Clerk Helleksen booked Tabitha Melvin as the speaker for that night and we are to provide a meal for the members. The City decided that the Thunder Restaurant will cater the meal and to make sure there is enough food and to not "cheap out". Will be going with a Smoked Pork Chop dinner with hash brown bake, veggies and dinner roll. The Clerks & Mayors attending will pay \$10/plate.

Small City Development loans: The daycare is current on their payments; the other business is 5 months behind on their payments. We are not making payments until the payments are made to us. Clerk Helleksen was advised to still continue sending monthly statements, one regular mail and one certified mail.

Delinquent Utility bills will be getting past due letters sent out to them. There were 23 accounts that are in delinquent standing.

Letter from Timberbrook Properties: Addressing concerns about the upcoming street project and adding sidewalks to their property. Council advised to send the letter to Blue Earth County and see what they want to do. The city doesn't support the letter as we think that a sidewalk will be good and for the safety of residents, we should move forward as planned with the sidewalk being put in.

City Wide clean up days is Saturday April 25, 2020.

Council Meeting Mondays, it was discussed to have Clerk Helleksen come in from 3-5pm in case there is any questions council has before the meetings.

Sidewalk committee to look at the sidewalks when it is warmer to see which sidewalks are in the worst shape to get those planned to be replaced.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Froehlich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 pm

Ashney Helleksen, Clerk-Treasurer