

GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

August 17, 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, Councilor Jim Prom & Councilor Tom Froehlich were present. 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 Karels made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Kristen Musser to the agenda, Councilor Prom seconded the motion and the motion carried. Councilor Kaul made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, Councilor Prom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Report was not submitted, and the Fire Reports were submitted to Clerk Helleksen; The Fire Department had 9 medical calls, 1 Assist law, 1 gas leak, 1 structure fire (Rapidan), 1 vehicle fire and 1 fire on the road. The GTFD has decided to no have their pork feed this fall due to Covid. They also wanted to inform council that due to the fact they can not host fundraisers at this time, they will be sending out letter to the community requesting continued support.

Councilor Prom suggest that the GTFD offer a Preorder for pork dinners, Brian stated he would mention it at their next meeting.

Zoning Permits GT 20-20 thru GT 20-23 were submitted for review, Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the permits, Councilor Karels seconded, motion carried.

City Maintenance stated that the landowner for the Front St Project has yet to sign the papers, so we are still at a standstill with that project. The landowner is putting his property into CRP this fall and wants the project done before then, so hopefully he will sign it soon.

Beckel presented an estimate from Nielsen Black toping for the City Hall parking lot, Joe Franta estimated 1,000 sq. feet, due to elevation adjustments.

CSAH 1 project, they plan to be paving the road this week, or early the following week.

The old wooden playground has been removed from the City Park. The new-to-us equipment is here in town, and looking like spring for install. The mulch at Thunder Valley park needs to be replaced. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the mulch at the blue & green park and replace it with pea rock. Councilor Karels seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Kristen Musser Skyped in to talk about the Fine Arts Festival on October 3, 2020 to support the Maple River Dollars for Scholars. She would like the event to be held at Good Thunder City Park from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Councilor Prom stated that he had a 20 x 40 Tent he could set up for them to use, the Park restrooms will also be cleaned and opened. The mayor stated that the City could help with Signage for the event, as well as share it on all our platforms. Kristen expressed her gratefulness for the city willing to help and stated that Maple River Seniors will also be there to help with the event day of. Clerk Helleksen will assist Mrs. Musser as much as she can to make this event a success for the Dollars for Scholars. Vendors booths will be \$25.00.

No Water / Sewer report

Clerk Helleksen

The Small City Business loan is 5 months past due.

Delinquent water bills were discussed, Council requested Helleksen to send out letter to the residents and let them know that they need to be paid in full or they will be turned off, If bills are not paid in full by September 14th they will be turned off. This includes the account that the city attorney sent a letter to.

Helleksen presented a Small Business Covid fund Grant program application. Councilor Karels approved the application and stated that the grants should be up to \$2500 for the small businesses, Councilor Froehlich agreed and the city is to apply for the money. Councilor Froehlich made the motion and Councilor Karels seconded the motion to establish the grant program and the motion carried.

The city received a check in the amount of \$21,916.00 from a resident who participated in the MVAC rehab program and moved before their time was up. The city is allowed to use those funds for more rehab projects, like before. Helleksen suggest maybe \$1000.00 - \$2500.00 this time to maybe help more people make improvements to their properties.

Helleksen presented a Camera conferencing system to the council as well for the zoom meetings, with not knowing how long we will need to zoom meetings, the city should be set up to better provide digital viewing for the residents. Councilor Karels made a motion to approve the camera system and laptop to run the system using the Covid Care Funds from the state, Councilor Froehlich seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The City's insurance is renewing and the tort limit needs to be waved. Councilor Prom made a motion to wave the tort limit on our insurance as has been done in years past, Councilor Froehlich seconded, and motion carried.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion to accept the quote for the insurance renewal. Councilor Prom Seconded the motion, motion carried.

Helleksen Suggested we schedule the 2021 Budget workshop meeting. Workshop will be held August 24, 2020.

National Night out will be held October 6, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm, planning on having “prepackaged” ice cream treats & maybe hot dogs from Dick’s Locker. Planning for the 150th Celebration of Good Thunder has started, planning for July 16/17, 2021.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion to close the meeting to the public, Councilor Karels seconded and the motion carried.

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Councilor Prom made the motion to Close the Closed meeting, Councilor Kaul seconded and motion carried.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion to open the regular council meeting back up. Councilor Kaul Seconded and the motion carried.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Prom seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:49p.