

## **GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting

July 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, Jim Prom & Tom Froehlich were present. Brian Beckel, City Maintenance, and Ashney Helleksen, City Clerk-Treasurer were also present. Mayor Robert Anderson presided. The pledge was recited, immediately followed by a moment of silence.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to approved the agenda, Councilor Froehlich seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Prom made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections discussed, councilor Karels seconded, the motion carried. Councilor Karels made a motion to approve the bills and Councilor Prom Seconded, the motion carried.

Councilor Froehlich inquired as to the future improvements line on the Revenues & Expenditures reports and why it didn't appear that they are rolling over. He asked Clerk Helleksen to speak with Burkhardt and get that figured out. He also requested that for the meetings, they see the previous months expenditures & revenues, because the current month is showing so little information. Helleksen agreed and made a note to correct that for next month's meeting.

Fire Department: June had 1 medical call, 1 mutual aid, 1 fire, 1 gas leak, 1 car accident and 1 illegal burning.

Parks: Zoning Permits GT 20-12 through GT 20-19 were presented to the council for review. Councilor Prom made a motion to approve the permits, Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion carried.

Beckel stated that the main well is back up and running after the repairs. We have received an estimate on the storm drains on Miner St & Main St, it came in at \$16,575; paving cost on top of that, so about \$25,000 project. This would tie in to the new structure. Boeing Brothers provided the estimate.

The tiling at the ball field is still planned for this fall, we are waiting on casting, the locate is called in. Dust control was done on, Hiller Dr, Chapel St, and Willard St, cost was about \$0.09/sq foot. Brian informed the council that this may be the companies last year as the owner is looking to retire. Brian asked the owner to please give us contact info for who he sells the company to, so that we are able to continue to use them.

The project on parcel R131810102008 is still in limbo as we're waiting on the Property owner to sign the easement agreement, which has been in the works since last fall. We need this signed before we can move forward. Council asked Beckel if he could get a date from DMI on starting the project to help move this along. We will either have to pay for some crops that may be damaged or wait until the crops are removed. The property owner wants the land to fall in to CRP next year, so would need to be done this fall.

Water/Sewer: Brian Severns took nitrate samples at the well, those results look good. All the reports look good and have been certified. Water that was pumped from the well last month was 1.6 million gallons and 1.5 million gallons from the pond. We had 4 ½ inches of fall; that's half the amount of years past.

"All the repairs we have done have resulted in good numbers. We are pumping about 52,000 gallons per day and we are designed to do about 82,000 gallons per day; so, we are about 30,000 gallons a day under the design, which is great." Severns Said. Last year at this time we had done 7 water discharges, we have only done 2 so far this year. Which is great.

Clerk: Helleksen spoke with Chris Kennedy about sending out a letter to the resident at 844 Chapel St about their unpaid water bill. Kennedy will advise the resident they have 60 days to pay their bill in full or it would be shut off. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve Kennedy sending a letter to that resident, Councilor Kaul seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Helleksen Stated that we need to set a date for the 2021 Budget meeting, Council decided on Monday August 24, 2020 starting at 4:30pm.

League of Minnesota Cities Loss Prevention is scheduled to be coming in August sometime for the annual follow up.

Community Comment:

Bill FitzSimmons: "Protein Sources has water running off the roof and running in between the elevators, and pooling. There is not enough drainage." Mayor Anderson stated that we would have to have it engineered to see whose water is whose and order a report to find out what the cost share would be with this County as the water pooling on the county road is their issue too.

There is not adequate draining and is most likely bottle necking in there which is causing a lot of the draining issues.

Becky Harhaj: Good Thunder Farmers Market; "The first two farmers market went well. We had 12 vendors, & 1 food truck. We will be having the same for the August 14<sup>th</sup> market." There

could possibly one in September if the community and vendors are wanting to have that extra date.

Mayor Anderson stated, "The community needs more people like you that are willing to step up." Councilor Prom said the only thing he would like to see different is "Maybe a couple of picnic tables for people to sit at while they are enjoying the food from T-n-T Eats."

In New Business, Resolution 2020-05 was introduced to establish the address for Property R131810107001, as 535 Main Street. Councilor Prom made the motion to Approve Resolution 2020-05, Councilor Froehlich second and the motion carried. Mayor Anderson abstained and Acting Mayor Karels signed the Resolution in to order.

The Donated park equipment has been picked up from Chambers Construction Company. There were 3 semi-truck loads of equipment. Council suggested a \$50.00 gift cert to The Thunder Restaurant for Mr. Chambers and establishing a bench at the park with a plaque with his name on it for the donation of the Equipment to our city. Councilor Karels made a motion to approve, Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion was carried.

Spring Clean up will be this fall, LJP is still working on dates. It will not be curbside pick up as it was in years past due to Covid.

Nuisance property letters have gone out, the council received a resident complaint about property 334 S. Halladay. They received a letter as well when the Nuisance letters when out. This gave the property owners Fourteen (14) days to address the issues.

The property at 155 Main Street is being leased out, and hope to be in use by September 2020. Property owner is getting items cleaned up. Council inquired if there should be a C.U.P on the property.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, Councilor Froehlich seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Next Council meeting is August 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm.