

## GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

October 12, 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 Kaul made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Froehlich seconded the motion and the motion carried. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting & the bills, Councilor Kaul seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Greg Burkhardt presented the semi-annual review report via Zoom. Copy of the report is on file in city hall. Mr. Burkhardt stated there was some issues that council needed to be aware of, and the clerk needed to correct & keep track of in the future. Mr. Burkhardt also stated that he believes that it would be good for the Clerk to continue her education for a better understanding of Government accounting & for Mrs. Helleksen to set up month reminders to not miss the taxes that need to be paid monthly & quarterly. Total Expenses for the first six months are less than half of the half year budget, also the statement of income is over budget for the first half of the year, which is good.

The operating statement, income from water operations is doing good, in sewer we are running at a loss. The sewer maintenance can be causing the loss, but our fees are in pretty good shape. Mr. Burkhardt stated that the Covid funds are available to those new businesses, however they need to remember that these funds are taxable to that business 1099-G. CCF Dollars can be used for sick pay. You have to pay FFCRA – 80/hr at full pay rate out to 400 hours. Employees must not be able to work, telework or if an employee's family member is sick and can't telework.

Councilor Froehlich stated with the CCF Dollars, "if we can support business, start with them first before we reimburse the GTFD for an item that was already reimbursed by townships." Councilor Prom suggested we "sit on it until last minute."

### No Water / Sewer report

Streets & Parks; An estimate was submitted for the side walks on the West side of Houk, Sherman St and city hall parking lot. Councilor Froehlich suggested we move forward with the

West side of Houk, Councilor Kaul agreed. Councilor Kaul made a motion to start on Houk asap, Councilor Prom seconded and the motion carried. Mrs. Helleksen will re-notify the residents on that block that will be affected by it about the work to be done. City hall parking lot will be done next spring.

County Tile at Protein sources building was discussed, Councilor Kaul would like to meet with them and see on the big screen, as the project will have to be engineered if we are working with the county on the project. Councilor Froehlich stated, "at first look, we should just put the pipe in."

Council stated that there are trees that need to be trimmed on the corners by stops signs. Beckel would start on that when he has some free time. Councilor Froehlich also wanted to "Thank Brian for all his work on the CSAH1 project with getting the tiles done in the yards."

Clerk Helleksen;

- Thunder Bar Liquor License renewal is due for 2021, Councilor Kaul made a motion to approve, Councilor Karels seconded and the motion carried.
- Gwen Isaacson the Physics teacher at Maple River will be coming to each school on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> to launch candy at the kids for Halloween.

Metro sales sent us 3- \$20 target gift cards, Clerk Helleksen wanted the council's approval to use those cards to buy Halloween treats for the kids and then had them out from 3-5 on Halloween as treat from the city. Council agreed that was a great idea.

Councilor Prom mention, "it nice that we are finding out about all these 'perks' that we never knew about before and that you are giving it back to the kids."

- Dollars for Scholars wanted to say THANK YOU to the city, their makers fair went great!
- Helleksen suggested the farmers market be by-weekly next year if the vendors can make that work.

Resolution 2020-06 & Resolution 2020-07 were setting the proposed budget for the 2021 year. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve and councilor Kaul seconded, motion carried.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.