

GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

May 17, 2021

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 Prom made a motion to approve the minutes & bills, Councilor Karels seconded and the motion was carried.

Sheriff's Department submitted their report to the Clerk. They had 68 hours of patrol time last month. There was a reported male trespassing on their property and doing suspicious behavior. They are aware of this and are working towards a resolution. A key reminder Deputy Phillips want to get out there is to "make sure residents are reporting Suspicious behavior and calling 911, so that the department can address the issues." ATVs have also been growing in the community, Deputy Phillips said he like to drop off some ATV Regulations books to City Hall for anyway interested.

There was no report submitted for the Good Thunder Fire Department.

City Maintenance reported that they have broke ground on the sewer project and have equipment staged. Mark Bramling is doing the work on behalf of DMI, but the work will be warranted by DMI.

The ballpark fence is back up and ready for games, the lights are working and bathrooms are open. The new bleachers are 1-2 weeks out for delivery and the new banners have arrived and will hopefully go up this week, Beckel said. The American flags will go up too. "Ashney has ordered a dozen new ones, and we will get the old ones to the legion".

Mayor Anderson asked about paying for the sewer project; "if we take it out of the water fund and pay it back to our selves over 5 years, that needs to be done by resolution." That is really what we should be doing, not bonding for it.

City Clerk updated that there had been no new applicants for the city maintenance position since reopening the job posting. Our Farmers market started May 14th and will be every other Friday during the summer.

Mayor Anderson asked "why on Severns paystub it says milage of \$9.63 as salary, and asked that Clerk Helleksen reach out to Burkhardt about it". Helleksen stated that "it has been like this the 2 + years I have been here, but I will reach out to Burkhardt to confirm reasoning."

There was no community comment.

The estimate for the roof at city hall was submitted, Heyn Brothers will be doing the job. Councilor Kaul made a motion to approve the estimated and book Heyn Brothers with submitting 50% down. Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion carried.

A bill was submitted for concrete reimbursement for Red Iron Gas Station in the amount of \$4,004.72. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the concrete cost for the sidewalks in front of Red Iron Gas Station, Councilor Karels seconded and the motion and the motion carried. Mayor Anderson abstained.

Councilor Karels mention that there will be a workshop with City Attorney Chris Kennedy on June 14 at 6:00pm to discuss some concerns, employee workshops/issues and EDA if time allows.

On the discussion of EDA, It was stated that we need to hold some Pubic hearing for the community to get their input on the City taking over the school building See if it would be possible to hold a public hearing at the school and maybe have a open house walk-thru with residents. Council ask Helleksen to Reach out to Mike Humpal with SCSC and get a feasibility study done. Council Prom made a motion to contact Mike and get the ball rolling, Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion carried.

Lastly Clerk Helleksen let the council know that the city hall would need to be closed on May 25th as she would be in the cities with her son at an appointment.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Prom seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Next Council meeting is Monday June 14, 2021 at 7:00pm at 130 S. Ewing St. City Council meetings are back open to the public.