

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
July 8, 2024

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at City Hall at 130 S Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors Scott Stoltzman, Amy Klammer, Tom Froehlich & Jon Brude were present. Raece Johnson, City Maintenance, Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer were present, Brian Severns was absent.

The pledge was recited, immediately followed by a moment of silence.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the June 10, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Mayor Anderson asked for a motion to approve the following bills: Check # 18153 to #18183, EFT#56689 to #56699, payroll EFT# 50095E to 50102E, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Froehlich seconded; motion carried.

**Community comments:** None

Joe Smith from Bolton & Menk updated Council on the Phosphorus Improvement Project for the wastewater ponds. The city has been over the phosphorus limit for a few years. The pump will distribute Ferric Chloride. The bid package includes a 1000-gallon storage tank and a pump that would inject chemicals into the transfer station at the ponds. Three quotes were received, Rubin Construction, LLC at \$73,900, WEB Construction Co., Inc at \$80,420. And K.H.C Construction, Inc. at \$97,000. Rubin Construction, LLC was the lowest at \$73,900, which is higher than the Engineer's estimate of \$53,800. The bids include a \$10,000 general construction allowance in case of unforeseen things during construction. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to award the Phosphorus Pump Project to Rubin Construction, LLC, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. The anticipated completion date of the project is September 15, 2024. Discussion was had on the I & I at the NW corner of town and the amount of drainage at the corner of Shaubut and Miner. Council advised Raece to contact Empire Pipe and have those areas televised to find out how many lines are going into the sanitary sewer vs. the number of households in the area. Raece stated that during the heavy rains, there was water coming from the fields to the pump structure at the ponds. This will need to be corrected. Raece will work with Joe Smith on a solution to this issue. Meeting for the preconstruction project for the Halladay Backyard Sewer Project was done a few weeks ago and with the rain Chambers will not be able to start this project until the first week of August.

**Sheriff's Department** – 67 hours. Paper service, welfare check, disturbance, ATV complaint, paper service, disturbances, parking violations, HRO service, driving complaint.

**Fire Department** – Chief Klammer reports 10 calls: 4 lift assist, 4 medical, 1 vehicle fire, 1 structure fire.

**Streets Update** – Eric Weller contacted Good Thunder regarding any flood damage as there may be assistance for repairs. Raece stated the road to the compost pile had washed out and there was some minor damage to the Thunder Valley Archery Park. Estimated damages are roughly \$4500-\$5000. Gravel will need to be hauled to repair the road. Mayor Anderson suggested the city contact Peterson to reshape the road and figure out how much gravel will be needed.

Building Permit 05-24 -Chris Hanke would like to construct 3 storage sheds for rent on 310 Graham St. The house will be removed. Mayor Anderson stated Graham St is a 50-foot road, and suggested he get a survey of the property to avoid building on any easements. Mayor Anderson will show him where 1 of the property pins are and Chris can review the property line from there. Discussion was had on if the buildings would line up with the other buildings on Graham St. No other questions were asked. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve Building Permit 05-24, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Building Permit 06-24 – permit for a garage on 850 Hiller Dr. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve Building Permit 06-24, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Clerk Petty contacted Verizon Wireless and received information for a City Maintenance work phone for Raece. The monthly cost would be roughly \$48, and the phone is free with a 2-year contract as a Public Sector. This phone would stay with the city, and any vendors Raece contacts would have the city phone number and not his personal cell. This will make any transition to a new City maintenance Supervisor much easier if needed. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve a cell phone for city Maintenance Supervisor, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion approved. Raece will start painting curbs, weather permitting. Mayor Anderson asked about the daily logs and the importance of completely them, and turning them in.

**Water/Sewer Update** – no update

**Unfinished Business:** Clerk Petty reported the information she received from 4M Fund. There are upfront fees. The interest the city will receive is after any fees. The account would be linked to the US Bank. The city can start a CD or a savings account and that can be linked to the US Bank account. The funds at Old National in the amount of \$533,000 mature 6/20/24, and \$300,000 matures 12/31/24. There is also \$12,000 in a cash account. 4M Fund will work the Old National to receive the funds. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09 to Join the 4M Fund, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10 Move \$533,000 from LPL to 4M Fund, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Estimate from Vernon Center Lumber for \$1025.60 for the bathroom roof at the park, which needs to be replaced. Raece and Kellon will do the work. Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve the bid for \$1025.60 for materials for bathroom roof at the park, Councilor Froehlich seconded; motion carried. Councilor Froehlich asked Raece to check out the small merry-go-round at the park as it is not working properly.

Councilor Brude suggested once the CD matures at Community bank the city should transfer that money back to the General Fund. Clerk Petty will have a Resolution ready for the next council meeting.

**New Business:** Councilor Froehlich asked about the progress of the Phosphorus pump. There is currently a cement pad there for the tank. The rest of the cement will be poured once Raece figures out where the rest of the equipment will go. There will need to be a building around the chemical or at least a lean to. The fence around the ponds will need some work as it is sagging in some places.

**Misc. Business:** Clerk Petty stated she sent a letter to Representative Bjorn Olson, and he would like to come to our August 12, 2024, council meeting to further discuss the project the city is requesting funding for. Mayor Anderson asked about having WW Blacktopping pour an asphalt curb by the last house on Houk St. to help curb the water from going down to the house. WW Blacktopping will also be doing some work on Houk St. and put Riprap down to help direct water down to the drainage field. There is also some asphalt work to be done on the West end of Main St by Jim Day, on Houk St by Christin Kaul, and on Middle St. North of Scott Stoltzman.

Clerk Petty asked council to set a date for the budget workshop, Council suggested July 29 at 4pm.

Clerk Petty asked if the brush around the Belltower can be removed, and work done on the Belltower to make it look nice again. Raece asked if the Belltower should have its own power. Once the brush has been removed, and repairs done, it would be nice to have power. Councilor Froehlich asked Raece to contact Luke's electric and get a bid on running electricity to the Belltower.

Councilor Klammer asked about the tent shed behind Tim Black. He has set up a tarp shed. Discussion on what is required for the building permit, do tarp sheds, tin sheds, Rubbermaid, or garden sheds. All sheds need to be 4ft from the property line. Clerk Petty asked about moving a shed from one area to another. There is a resident that has moved a shed over the property line and is encroaching on their neighbor's property. Council suggested Clerk Petty contact the city attorney for clarification as this seems to be a gray area.

National Night out is August 6, 2024. Clerk Petty asked council for help with getting is going again. Councilor Klammer will help get things organized. Council asked Raece to spray the park for mosquitoes prior to National Night Out. Councilor Froehlich asked about resurfacing the basketball court at the park, Raece will check into pricing. There is still random vandalism at the park, profanity being carved in the slides. The possibility of cameras at the park to curb the vandalism was discussed.

Mayor Anderson asked for an update on Raece obtaining his license to treat the Ash trees. Currently there is no proctor in Blue Earth County, Raece will have to go to Waseca to test or wait until there is a replacement in Blue Earth County. Council advised Raece to set an appointment to test and obtain his license to treat Ash trees.

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Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Budget workshop July 29, 2024, at 4pm

Next Regular Council Meeting August 12, 2024, at 7pm

Submitted Respectfully by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Petty", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer