

GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

March 9, 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 and Councilor Jim Prom were present. Councilor Tom Froehlich was absent. City Staff Brian Beckel, City Maintenance, Brian Severns 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 the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting and Bills, Councilor Karels seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Phillips was present February was 44 hours of patrol. No major issues. Working with the City on ensuring the Handicap parking space at the school is used by the people have the correct tag to park there.

Fire Department - Chief Klammer

There were 6 calls. 4 medicals, 1 lift assist and 1 CO Alarm.

Dillan Brunz completed his first responders training.

Welcomed a new member of the Department on February 18, 2020. Adam Tisher.

Councilor Prom made a motion to approve the new member, Councilor Karels seconded and motion carried unanimously.

April 19, 2020 from 9am to 1pm in the Pancake Feed.

Water & Sewer - Brian Severns

Average about 82K gallons of water at the pond, the last two days we hit about 250K of water. "something big must have melted". Last month was a great month. Brian attended the MN Rural water conference last week; this means he is good for the next two years on training.

City Maintenance – Brian Beckel

.GT20-01 Zoning permit – May need a variance, have contacted the property owner and waiting to hear back from them. Holding on to the permit for now, until we can talk to them. CSAH 1 Project is open for Bids.

The last chunk of piping will be lined as the building is sitting on top of it down on Pongratz field is about 250 feet on the west side going North & South. We will have to do that with the weather is dryer, as the trucks would have to be on the grass.

County was contacted about a tree blocking the riving, holding more tress, they said they would come and talk a look this week hopefully.

Street sweeping started today!

City Clerk – Ashney Helleksen

Maple River Chamber of Commerce asked if the City would hold the Minnesota Twin’s Youth Baseball camp this summer!

Delinquent utility accounts will get door hangers and letters sent this week, for potential shut off Wednesday March 18, 2020.

Auditors were here on the 2nd, hoping to present in April.

Community Comment

711 Main St – Danson’s: water is coming in to their basement. Its dry when they leave and basement is flooded when they get home. There is no bottom in the sewer pipe, they have been jetting with a pressure washer to get the water to exit. From Stromer’s to the Orange berg its damaged, the rest of the pipe is good. They “don’t want to tie in to the existing if they are paying for the work to be done, would like to run a new line.”

There is no easement to access the sewer line, so would need to get the property owners permission. If they can get permission, they can access the line. It is a private line, not a city line. First step would be for the neighbors to talk to eachother, that would be the easiest and fastest at this point.

Unfinished Business:

Small City Development Loan: Council discussed the letter they received from the City Attorney. They decided to send the letter to the business owner. Councilor Prom made a motion to have the letter that was drafted delivered to the signer and cosigner. Councilor Karels seconded, motions carried unanimously.

EDA: Send out a survey to see what the community thinks we should do about the school. It was suggested that I would be a good idea to check with our insurance on the cost of insuring the property if the city did take it on and to have an Inspection done on the property, roof included.

Dental & Vision: M&M Insurance send over an estimate for coverage for both employees. Councilor Karels made a motion to approval dental and vision for Brian & for Ashney + 3 kids in the amount of \$1748.04/year for coverage for the employees. Councilor Kaul seconded, Councilor Prom abstained and the motion carried unanimously.

Cellphone: Councilor Kaul made a motion to pay clerk \$25/month to match employees for use of personal cellphone. Councilor Karels seconded, Prom abstained, Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Karels mention that the clerk has received messages and calls in the past at random hours about barking dogs and such. Deputy Phillips said to remind people they can call Blue Earth County Sheriffs. They can call the non-emergency line at 507-304-4863 or they can even call 911, even if it isn't an emergency and they will take care of the issue.

New Business:

N/A

Misc. Business:

Maple River Post Prom: the committee is looking for donations for the event. They are taking the kids to Dakota Sports Complex – they are bussing them there. The cost is \$5 for the kids to go, even the High Schoolers who don't go to prom can still go to the Sports Complex, they will also receive prizes. Prom is May 2nd 2020.

Council will think on it and discuss at the next meeting.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, councilor prom seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37p

Ashney Helleksen, Clerk-Treasurer