

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
May 13, 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 Stoltzman made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Froehlich seconded; motion carried.

Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the April 8 and April 15 Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Mayor Anderson asked for a motion to approve the following bills: Check # 18081 to #18123, EFT#56656 to #56674, payroll EFT# 50076E to 50086E, Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Councilor Froehlich asked about the negative interest on the Revenue Report, Clerk Petty will review and report to council the findings.

Sheriff's Department – 80 hours of patrol. Calls include domestic, traffic stop, disturbance, theft, paper service, suspicious person.

Fire Department – 13 calls: 7 medicals, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, gas leak, electrical fire, grass fire, vehicle fire, structure fire.

Streets Update –The approach by the Post Office has been redone, the only added cost for the city is the portion of sidewalk in front of Lyra Township Hall that was replaced. WW Blacktopping submitted an updated bill for paving the alley by the Post Office of \$13,958. Raece received bids for concrete work on Ewing St from City Hall to the north property line of 110 S Ewing: bids came from Jim Schmidt Concrete \$11,518.62, Clint Adams Concrete \$11,291.00, MK \$12,000, and WW Blacktopping \$11,000. The county will reimburse 50% of the cost. Council discussed other cement work that needs to be done, Raece will make a list of the cement that needs repair/replace. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid from WW Blacktopping, with the addition of other cement work in town to be done at the same time, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. There is also street work that needs to be done on the West end of Main Street where there was a previous patch that is now catching water.

Bolton and Menk will be soliciting quotes for the phosphorus removal project. The quotes will be due June 13th. The 7x7 concrete slab that was included in the quote will be removed per council and WW Blacktopping will be pouring that when they are doing the other concrete work. The city will need to put up an enclosed structure around the tank and improve the fence around

Councilor Brude asked council to set up a meeting with Chris Kennedy regarding Attorney/Client Litigation. Council stated they could make either May 20, 2024, or 22, 2024. Councilor Brude made a motion to set a tentative closed meeting with Chris Kennedy either May 20 or May 22 for attorney/client litigation, councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty will contact Kennedy and see which day will work and schedule the closed meeting and contact council.

Mayor Anderson asked for an update on the streetlights Xcel Energy was going to install. Raece stated they have been out a few times and are installing lights according to the map Raece and Clerk Petty submitted to them.

Mayor Anderson stated when the auditors were here, they suggested we review the investments and see if we are going in the right direction. Council directed Clerk Petty to contact the auditors for contact information and to contact League of MN Cities regarding this. The auditors also stated the Fire Department Relief Association should be audited by an actuary not another auditor. When the city needs to obtain bonding or grants for future projects without an actuary it hinders the amount the city is approved for. The city will have to pay the cost for this.

New Business: Discussion on reimbursement of flowers on Main Street, Councilor Froehlich made a motion to reimburse up to \$350 for flowers on Main Street, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Misc. Business: Dilapidated properties – Clerk Petty received an email from a resident about a rundown property on Hubbell where animals have taken over the house. Council directed Raece to take pictures of the properties in question with addresses and bring to council for direction. Councilor Brude and Raece drove around town looking at yards. Council directed Clerk Petty to send nuisance letters to those properties. This is a work in progress, so letters will be going out throughout the summer. Discussion on the follow through and cost of nuisance properties continued, council will ask Chris Kennedy if the city can fine the resident and assess to taxes if needed.

Mayor Anderson asked Raece to spray for weeds on city property. Clerk Petty is working on sending out rental renewal letters.

Mileage and parking reimbursement was submitted for Brian Severns for wastewater continuing education and mileage reimbursement for Clerk Petty to and from the Clerk's Institute, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the reimbursement for mileage and parking for Brian Severn's for \$75.61 and mileage reimbursement for Clerk Petty of \$171.52 councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Council went over a letter from FEMA regarding National Flood Insurance Program. At this time the council did not take any action.

Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Closed Personnel Committee Meeting June 3, 2024, at 5pm