

## **GOOD THUNDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting

May 11, 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 Froehlich made a motion to approve the minutes from April, Bills and the Agenda, councilor Kaul seconded, motion carried.

Zoning Permits GT-07, GT-08, GT-09 were presented, Councilor Prom made a motion to approve all three (3) permits, Councilor Karels seconded, motion carried.

Beckel spoke about getting the tile put in at the baseball park to address the standing water issue, and estimated cost of \$3,000-\$4,000. It is about 500 Ft of tile. Also discussed tiling the hillside behind the bleachers to keep the ballfield dry. Beckel stated he would get an estimate for that. Councilor Karels made a motion to approve \$10,000 to get the tiling at the ball park done. Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion carried.

We have received many complaints about the traffic on Hiller drive; speeding and not stopping for the sign. Beckel added a seconded 15 MPH sign. The sheriff suggested flashing lights on the signs as well. They cost about \$169/each. We would need 3 red and 2 yellow.

Also, discussed table top speed-bumps to help slow traffic, and getting a bump sign to inform people of said bump. Dust control is also an issue there, the "good stuff" is about 2x the price of chloride but lasted about 3 years last time.

Beckel meet with Joe from Nielsen Blacktopping to some pricing on some road repairs. On Houk St, between Sherman & Willard there is 42 ft of curb to be replaced. If Nielsen's machine is in town, it is about \$24/ ft to replace. Option two on Houk Street is to mill edges and replace road & curb is about \$80,000-\$100,000. We would need to have a hearing on that project and open it up for bids.

To replace the asphalt water way on the west side of the school is about \$4500. Councilor Kaul made a motion to have Brian get hard numbers from Joe and we will meet again Wednesday May 27 at 5:00pm. Councilor Froehlich seconded and motion carried.

Councilor Karels brought up reestablishing access to the alley to the South of her house. This is a topic we will discuss more at the next meeting, want to make sure it is still an alley.

Brian Severns informed the council that he was making the 2<sup>nd</sup> discharge at the pond; last year we were at 4 discharges in the spring. There is about 40,000 gallons a day pumping from the ground. For 2-3 months we were at the design of pond of 80,000 gallons. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the cut off date for discharging the ponds. The fan is fixed at the pump house as well.

The Small City Development loan is five (5) months behind on their payments. We have received no other responses from the attorney that sent us the letter back in March, stating that she would be caught up by the 31<sup>st</sup>. If the loan stays in default the city is responsible for 50% and Blue Earth County for 50%, this will cost the community about \$100-\$200.00 per household.

Resolution 20-04 – Councilor Kaul made a motion to approve resolution 20-04, councilor Froehlich seconded, motion carried.

The Thunder Bar is going to be open for out door dining starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, would like to make sure they are allowed to have dining in the parking lot. Beckel stated that we could bring up some picnic tables from the parks for them to use. Councilor Prom stated that they could use his Big yellow tent. Mayor Anderson and Councilor Froehlich both voiced that they never wanted to see the Thunder closed and wants to see them back open, so whatever we can do to help get them going, the city will do. Clerk Helleksen will be in contact with the Business owners and the County about closing part of Front St on Friday & Saturday Nights for extra seating for The Thunder.

The Personnel Committee needs to set up Reviews for the employees. Mayor Anderson & Councilor Karels will find a time that works for everyone, hopefully before the next meeting.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Froehlich seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.