

Minutes of the April 1, 2013 City Council Meeting

The April 1, 2013, meeting of the Good Thunder city council was called to order, at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Robert Anderson. The meeting convened in council chambers located at 130 Ewing Court, Good Thunder, Minnesota. Council members present, Kim Hernandez; Kenton Giese; Sarah Karels; Arlen Ostermann and Robert Anderson. Others in attendance: Jerry Birr, City Maintenance; Jeffrey Marx, Police Chief; Cheryl Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council member Arlen Ostermann made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed and submitted. Council member Kenton Giese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Kenton Giese made a motion to approve the March 4, 2013, city council minutes. Council member Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe and Georgia Hathaway, 333 S. Halladay Street, questioned the council on what they, as property owners, need to do to have the water line to their property replaced as they have no water pressure. The council stated that the city previously made the decision that the city needs to have control of who will do digging when it involves city utilities. The Hathaway's water pressure was previously discussed in 2012, and a plan had been made for repair of the line. However, the Hathaway's were unable to complete their portion of the agreement with the city. Mayor Anderson stated that the city will line up Boening Brothers for the excavation of the city's curb stop. Georgia Hathaway informed the council that they have the funds, and a plumber, lined up to repair their portion of the water line to their home. City maintenance, Jerry Birr, will contact the Hathaway's when the project date is set.

Ron and Barb Kaul, 301 Main Street, were present to again discuss the cost of fill that had been hauled to their property by the city. A letter, dated April 1, 2013, was presented to the council regarding this situation. The Kaul's also submitted, with this correspondence, a check for \$440 for 8 hours at \$55 per hour for the hauling, and fill that was done last fall. Originally, the council set the cost for this fill, and hauling, at \$1100. Then, the rate was reduced to \$550 after the Kaul's came to a meeting and discussed this matter with the council. The Kaul's requested, "that the city justify how it could take 10 hours to haul only 2.2 loads per hour 8-9 blocks." Kaul indicated that City Maintenance, Jerry Birr, was switching between tasks during the hauling, there isn't an accurate account of the hours spent on the hauling. Birr asked Kaul to justify his statement. Discussion followed. Mayor Anderson stated that he felt the council was more than fair as the initial cost had been reduced by half. Council members in agreement also stated their feelings on this matter. Discussion followed. Kaul indicated that he would pay the \$110, but wanted the council to know that he was not satisfied.

Councilor Karels made a motion approving the time sheets for 3-2-2013 thru 3-16-2013, and 3-16-2013 thru 3-30-2013. Councilor Ostermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Giese made a motion approving Zoning Permit, GT-02-13, 301 Main Street, garage. Councilor Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City maintenance, Jerry Birr discussed various projects with the council:

- Tree at city park that needs to be removed. Birr informed the council that he did not want to cut it down. Mayor Anderson said he will drop the tree and Birr could cut it up.
- Dump box on the international has holes in it and is rusting on the sides. Mayor Anderson will call Herman Speck to come and inspect the box to see if he can repair it.

- Part-time help for summer months. Council discussed this, and felt that the position should be advertised at the wage paid last summer, advertise “to work as needed” 20-25 hours per week. Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, is to post this advertisement around town.
- Street sweeping will begin this week.

The council informed Birr that they would like water meters repaired the second week of April. Curb replacement on Ewing Street South was discussed. This project was not completed last fall as the contractor was unable to fit the project into his schedule. The council requested that Birr contact the contractor and see if this project is on the schedule for replacement this year.

Cement work at the concession stand was discussed. Mayor Anderson informed the council that Trio Construction will put the foundation in as soon as possible. The council also agreed that Trio Construction should do the cement work by the water tower as previously discussed. The council was informed that proximately 20-30 feet of sidewalk needs to be in front of 237 N. Front Street. Mayor Anderson will get an estimate for the cost of this replacement also.

The council also discussed the sidewalk and gutter that needs repair on the Halladay Street side of the Darin Dalluge property. Mayor Anderson will have Trio Construction look at this project and obtain an estimate.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, presented a quote from Thein Well for them to pull and inspect well #2 at a cost of \$2500 - \$3000. It was noted that the city would also be responsible for any components that would need to be replaced. Thein Well will bring pipe, a check valve, motor, and only miscellaneous components that may need to be replaced. Ms. Barnard informed the council that Brian Severns, Water/Wastewater operator, had previously thought that this inspection would be higher, so was very pleased with this quote.

Councilor Karels made a motion to approve the quote from Thein Well for them to pull and inspect well #2 at the quoted cost of \$2500 - \$3000. Councilor Ostermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Karels made a motion approving the part-time police officer’s timesheets for the month of March 2013. Councilor Ostermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, Jeffrey Marx, informed the council that the Good Thunder police department received sixty-three (63) calls for service during the month of March 2013.

Councilor Ostermann made a motion accepting the resignation of police officer Telia Baynes from the Good Thunder police department. Councilor Giese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Baynes has accepted a position with the Eagle Lake police department.

Police Chief Marx informed the council that Joyce Johnson, who was present at the meeting, has accepted a part-time position with the Good Thunder police department.

Councilor Karels made a motion to hire Joyce Johnson as a part-time police officer. Councilor Giese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, Phil Klammer, informed the council that the ISO training was cancelled last month and will be held on April 2nd. During the month of March 2013, the fire department responded to three (3) medical calls and one (1) accident call. April 14th is the Pancake Feed at the fire station from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Fire Chief Klammer reported that the medical inventory has been worked on as well as truck and station inventory. Pump and ladder testing will be held within the next few months. The council was informed that in 2012 air packs had been purchased through a grant. Currently, the

department is looking at purchasing more air packs for the department. More information will be provided on this purchase at a later date.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, reminded the council that Spring Clean Up has been set for Saturday, May 18th. LJP Enterprises Waste & Recycling sent correspondence informing the city that they will be increasing the garbage hauling rate and the recycling rate per household based on the February 1st U.S. All Cities CPI-U increase as stated in the current contract. This will reflect an increase of 2%. Refuse will increase by .36¢ per quarter and recycling will increase by .30¢ per quarter. This rate increase will be reflected on the April 2013 utility statements.

Ms. Barnard informed the council that she has updated the city's website and suggested that council members look at it when they have time.

Ms. Barnard informed the council that Good Thunder will host the Mayor and Clerks meeting May 9th at Thunder Restaurant.

The council was presented with a draft, with changes made by City Attorney Chris Kennedy, of the Residential Rental Regulation document. Police Chief Marx and Barnard have reviewed the current document. The council discussed in detail the parking space dimensions with no decision being made as of this date. The council will review this document. Ms. Barnard informed the council that an application form is in the process of being developed. The council also needs to appoint an inspector and set a dollar amount for the rental license.

Council member Karels made a motion to approve the bills as distributed and presented. Councilor Giese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson brought up the bank building and questioned if a committee should be set to meet with bank representatives to "walk through" the building. It was felt that if the city could purchase the building, there might be an interest for offices. It was decided that the entire council would look at the building.

The council was informed that the last week of April is when ball games begin at Thunder Valley. Electricity will be a problem. Mayor Anderson will call Luke Kranz to see about installing temporary electricity for the ball field. Council member, Kim Hernandez, will contact Bob Pongratz about the block laying for the concession stand building.

Councilor Ostermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Councilor Giese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard
Clerk-Treasurer

