

## Minutes of the January 7, 2013, City Council Meeting

The January 7, 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. Newly elected officials, Kim Hernandez-Council member; Kenton Giese-Council member; and Robert Anderson-Mayor had been sworn into office by taking the official oath, administered by Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, prior to the meeting. All council members were in attendance. Others in attendance: Jerry Birr, City Maintenance; 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 Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Kenton Giese made a motion to approve the December 3, 2012, city council minutes as presented and distributed. Council member Sarah Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson welcomed Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Giese to the council.

Ronald and Barb Kaul were present as they questioned the statement that they had received from the city for dirt that had been hauled to their property by the city. The charge for this service was \$1,100 for 22 loads at \$50 per load. This averaged to \$10 per yard and 5 yards per load. Mr. Kaul indicated that in speaking with Mayor Anderson, it was his understanding that the fill would be free. During the hauling of the dirt, Jerry Birr informed him that there would be a charge. In reviewing tractor/truck city fees, with one man, the fee had been set at \$55 per hour. Discussion followed. The council decided to reduce the fee to 10 hours of hauling, by the city, equaling \$550 to be charged to the Kaul's for this service. Mr. Kaul still felt that this was excessive.

Councilor Giese made a motion that the previous statement for hauling of dirt, by the city to the Ron Kaul property, be reduced from \$1100 to \$550. Councilor Ostermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

To avoid future conflict, any decisions like this need to be brought to the council for a decision to be made by the full council.

Kenton Giese, presented plans for the concession stand for Thunder Valley Park. Such plans were presented to help the council decide what is wanted in terms of a design for the building. Mayor Anderson updated the council on electrical information that he had obtained. The cost is estimated to be \$8,000 - \$10,000 for the electrical work. The council is hoping for community involvement for this project. Mr. Giese will check into the cost for stainless steel fixtures and present this information for council review.

Mayor Anderson asked that water meters be repaired within the next thirty days by city maintenance.

Councilor Karels made a motion approving the time sheets for 11-24-2012 thru 12-8-12. 12-8-12 thru 12-22-2012, and 12-22-2012 thru 1-5-2013. Councilor Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Maintenance, Jerry Birr, informed the council that there was a water main break on Main Street. The council was informed that a gate valve was again not working for water to be shut off during this break. Birr would like to see such valves repaired this summer. The city truck passed D.O.T. inspection. The inventory of tools has been completed at the city shop.

Clerk-Treasurer Barnard presented a report from Police Chief Marx who was attending a training session. There were forty-seven (47) calls for service during the month of December 2012. The council reviewed the part-time police officers hours and expressed concern over the amount of hours for December.

Councilor Karels made a motion to approve the part-time police officers time sheets for the month of December 2012. Councilor Ostermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, Tom Froehlich, informed the council that there was one (1) fire and (1) medical call for the fire department during the month of December 2012. Froehlich informed the council that Mapleton had raised their current call rates to \$15 per call and he asked the council to consider raising Good Thunder's Volunteer Fire Departments compensation. The council was informed that the texting of calls is working well for the department. The Oyster Feed is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk-Treasurer Barnard asked Froehlich if he had a chance to check on dates available with LJP for Spring Clean-Up for the city. Discussion followed.

Councilor Kenton Giese made a motion that May 11<sup>th</sup> or May 18<sup>th</sup> be the date for Spring Clean-Up in Good Thunder tentative on availability from LJP Enterprises. Councilor Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Arlen Ostermann made a motion that the fees for the fire department be set to \$10 per call, \$10 per drill and \$2 per meeting. Councilor Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, presented a three-year audit proposal from Burkhardt & Burkhardt, LTD., for the years ending December 2012, December 2013 and December 2014.

Councilor Kenton Giese made a motion accepting the three-year audit proposal as submitted from Burkhardt & Burkhardt, LDT, for the years ending December 2012, December 2013 and December 2014. Councilor Sarah Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Barnard presented information regarding the 2013 Council Committees and the Good Thunder City Code Fees. Discussion followed with the following changes:

**2013 Council Committees**

Water, Sewer, Garbage – Arlen Ostermann, Kenton Giese  
Streets, Sidewalks & Alleys – Robert Anderson, Kenton Giese  
Posting Places – City Hall, Good Thunder Post Office, GT Market  
Fire Chief –  
Recreation & Parks – Sarah Karels, Kim Hernandez  
Acting Mayor – Sarah Karels  
Police Committee – Sarah Karels, Arlen Ostermann  
Personnel Committee – Kim Hernandez, Sarah Karels  
Minnesota Valley Council of Governments – Parker Skophammer  
General Assembly MN Valley COG – Cheryl Barnard, Arlen Ostermann, Kim Hernandez

It was decided to eliminate the Administrative Committee as this pertains only to the Clerk-Treasurer and at this time, Ms. Barnard, takes concerns/issues to the Personnel Committee.

Under **Appendix D** of the Intoxicating Liquor Licenses it was decided to increase the following:

On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License - \$500 per year (was previously \$400)  
Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License - \$100 per year (was previously \$50)  
On-Sale Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License - \$100 per year (was previously \$50)

Under **Appendix E** Miscellaneous Fees it was decided to increase the following:  
Mower - \$65 per hour with one (1) man (one hour minimum) (was previously \$45 per hour)  
Tractor or Truck - \$80 per hour with one (1) man (one hour minimum) (was previously \$55 per hour)

Clerk-Treasurer Barnard presented Resolution 2013-01, 2013 Organization and Appointment Resolution. At this time, no City Engineer was chosen as discussion was held. It was decided that Mayor Anderson would contact Jeff Domras, Bolton and Menk and see if he would again be the engineer for the city and he himself only work on specific projects.

Councilor Kenton Giese made a motion approving **Resolution No. 2013-01, 2013 Organization and Appointment Resolution**. Councilor Arlen Ostermann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Sarah Karels made a motion approving the bills as presented and distributed. Councilor Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Arlen Ostermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Councilor Kenton Giese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer

