

Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Good Thunder City Council Meeting

The June 1, 2015, 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 Street, Good Thunder, Minnesota. Council members in attendance were: Kenton Giese, Sarah Karels, Kim Hernandez, Jim Prom. Staff in attendance were: Hunter Chaffee, City Maintenance; Phil Klammer, Fire Chief; Brian Severns, Water/Wastewater Operator; Cheryl Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council member Kim Hernandez, made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted and distributed. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member, Kim Hernandez, made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015, regular city council meeting; minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 4, 2015; minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 15, 2015 and minutes of the Special meeting of May 19, 2015. Sarah Karels, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunter Chaffee was introduced, and welcomed, as the city's new City Maintenance person.

Council member, Sarah Karels made a motion to approve Hunter Chaffee's starting salary at \$16.50 per hour, with a forty (40) hour work week. Mr. Chaffee is to also be reimbursed for single health monthly insurance coverage which will be calculated into his hourly rate of pay. Council member, Jim Prom, seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Hunter's starting date will be Monday, June 8th.

Council member, Jim Prom, made a motion approving the following Zoning Permits:

GT-05-15, 114 State Hwy. #66, 10' x 12' shed

GT-06-15, 333 S. Halladay St., new front steps

GT-07-15, 106 S. Ewing St., 26' x 10' garage where garage is now

Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Robert Anderson informed the council that there would be a savings of over \$9,300 on the storm sewer installation project for a portion of Chapel Street. Boening Brothers Inc. had reviewed the bid from Minnesota Pipe and Equipment Company and noticed that no subtotals were given between the 24" pipe and the 18" pipe. Mayor Anderson also informed the council that this street has an 80' easement.

Brian Severns, Water/Wastewater Operator, reported that he had met with Teresa Roth, Pollution Control Agency and was informed that there were no issues with the city's permit or phosphorus report. Discharging for May was good and the inflow and infiltration is down. Mr. Severns stated that the city may want to go door to door and inspect residential sump pump discharging connections to make sure that they are discharging water legally.

Fire Chief, Phil Klammer, reported that the Fire Department responded to three (3) medical calls during the month of May 2015.

Tom Shoemaker, a representative from the Good Thunder Fire Department Relief Association, was present to present information regarding retirement options which were discussed by the City's Auditor at the May meeting. The Good Thunder Fire Department Relief Association Board has obtained information and discussed this topic in detail and came to the conclusion that they will do nothing differently with their retirement as of this date. If an actuarial audit is needed it will be addressed at that time. Mr. Shoemaker expressed that the Relief Association does share the city's concern and will carry out any future requirements if needed.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, presented two (2) documents from City Attorney, Chris Kennedy, regarding amending and replacing section 7.150 of Chapter 7, All-Terrain Vehicles, Mini-Trucks, and utility Task Vehicles Ordinance. The concern, previously discussed at council meetings, regarding permits for out of town vehicles, had been a concern. Discussion followed.

Council member, Jim Prom, made a motion approving amending and replacing Chapter 7, Section 7.150 All-Terrain Vehicles, Mini Trucks and Utility Task Vehicles. Council member, Kim Hernandez, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance will now state: "The ordinance is being modified to allow the use of ATVs on City Streets, Highways and Rights of Way, without a permit, as long as the use is in compliance with all other laws, the vehicles are driving single file and that they not travel at a speed greater than 10 mph."

Council member, Sarah Karels, made a motion that the city refund any persons who have purchased an ATV Permit. Council member, Jim Prom, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A citizen expressed a concern of animal waste deposited on city property etc. Unlicensed animals and stray cats were also discussed. Citizens were reminded to pick up after their animals, be responsible and purchase animal licenses, and to not feed stray cats as they are becoming a concern due to over population.

Greg Timmons, 219 S. Ewing Street, was present to discuss with the council a situation that occurred on his property when he had Boening Brothers Company come to dig his sanitary sewer service. During the digging, an old water line was hit. No one knew whose it was or where it came from. A resident at the site remembered that years ago an old church had been near the property. It was assumed that this water line was left at the site after the church was removed. Councilor Giese had been called to the site and was there when it was decided that Boening Brothers should install a curb stop and valve on this line. This cost was charged to Mr. Timmons. Timmons stated that he simply could not afford such a cost. Discussion followed. It was decided by the council that the city would be responsible for the installation of the curb stop and valve as this would normally be the expense of the city. Clerk-Treasurer Barnard will contact Boening Brothers and have them bill the city directly for this cost and ask them to reissue Mr. Timmons a new statement.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion to approve the bills for payment as presented and distributed. Council member, Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member, Sarah Karels, had been contacted by, Adam Hollerich, Thunder Valley Softball League and was asked if the city would purchase a load of lime for the ball park. Mayor Robert Anderson stated that he would contact Tom Walters, and have him haul two loads of lime in for the ball park. Mayor Anderson also

felt that recycled blacktop should be placed on two more streets within the city and the council agreed. Mayor Anderson will have Tom Walters haul this material in for the city also.

Yard of the Month was selected and the recipient was Cathy Lentz, 630 Shaubut Street.

Council member, Jim Prom, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Council member, Kim Hernandez, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard
Clerk-Treasurer