

GOOD THUNDER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

March 2, 2015

The March 2, 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. Others in attendance: Jerry Birr, City Maintenance; Phil Klammer, Fire Chief; Cheryl Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Council member, Jim Prom, made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015, city council minutes as presented and distributed. Council member Sarah Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Goettlicher, 511 Chapel Street, was present to discuss car struts that were replaced on his vehicle after having hit a rut in the street going into his driveway. Mr. Goettlicher explained that after heavy rain falls, the area near his driveway always washes out. This has been a problem over several years and patching has not helped. On Wednesday, June 15th (2014) we received 5” of rain, Mr. Goettlicher explained. On Thursday, June 16th City Maintenance, Jerry Birr, looked at the “wash out” in the street. Mr. Goettlicher explained that in the past he has put in large pieces of rock from a rock wall that he removed from his property to try to help eliminate this gully. On Friday afternoon his wife came home and hit the rut too hard. Mr. Goettlicher called Snell Motors and had the vehicle towed into Mankato and repaired. The bill totaled \$887.92. Mr. Goettlicher had not made payments on their utility account as he felt the city was responsible for this Snell Motors statement. Ms. Barnard had sent a letter informing the Goettlicher’s that in referring this matter to the city attorney, he was in agreement that this arrangement was not the correct way in handling the matter. A decision had to be made by the council, regarding the vehicle matter, but the utility payment had to be paid by the Goettlichers. The council was informed that Mr. Goettlicher went on Friday, June 17th to speak to Mayor Robert Anderson, and after their discussion, Mayor Anderson put rock in the rut. Goettlicher stated that he has asked to use the city truck, get large rock and haul it in himself but the city didn’t work with him on this offer. Council member, Kim Hernandez, presented information showing that there was a recall on struts for this vehicle. Mr. Goettlicher stated that he had not been notified and was not willing to go through this paper work procedure. Council member, Jim Prom, questioned the high mileage of the vehicle and if the struts had ever been worked on previously. Discussion continued on to catch basins possibly being installed by the Steven Stenzel property and the first driveway of the Goettlicher’s property to catch water before it goes over ground. Mayor Anderson stated that the vehicle damaged is fourteen (14) years old, with 157,000 miles. He felt that the city should be only responsible for 50% of the Snell Motor statement. Councilors’ Hernandez and Giese were in agreement with this suggestion. Mr. Goettlicher agreed with this suggestion but stated that this problem be addressed. Mayor Anderson will contact Boeing Brothers and have them prepare an estimate, and plan, in rectifying this water runoff problem.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion that the city reimburse Greg Goettlicher for one-half of the Snell Motor statement for repair of struts on his 2000 Ford Taurus with the condition that after a heavy rain, this street be addressed, by the city, if ruts occur, immediately. Council member Kim Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Permit, GT-01-2015, 850 Sherman Street, pole shed 4/12 roof pitch was presented for council consideration. Discussion followed as Councilor Prom questioned the height of the shed.

The diagram for the shed indicated that from the bottom of the building, to the peak, it measured 15 feet. Jerry Birr, Zoning Administrator, was questioned if this followed the city's Zoning Ordinance. In reading from the Zoning Ordinance it was stated, "It cannot exceed 12 feet, or one story, if the structure is not attached." At this time it was felt that more information needed to be obtained. Discussion followed.

Council member, Jim Prom, made motion to approve GT-01-2015 if it meets the requirements of the city's Zoning Ordinance. If not, it would need to be tabled due to clarification. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The council directed Zoning Administrator, Jerry Birr, to contact Minnesota Valley Council of Governments and obtain clarification on the height allowed and if this is not in compliance to have them develop the necessary language to update this section of the city's Zoning Ordinance.

The council discussed the water main break at Graham Street and Willard Street on February 27th. Boening Brothers Inc. was contacted immediately to come and repair this break. Discussion followed.

Fire Chief, Phil Klammer, reported that during the month of February 2015 the department responded to three (3) medical calls, one (1) fire inside a building and one (1) assist with law enforcement calls. Fire Chief Klammer presented an estimate for three air packs at an estimated cost of \$20,121.96. The council was informed that the department currently has eleven (11) but are looking at the possibility of purchasing twenty-two (22) for the firefighters.

Council member, Kim Hernandez, made a motion to purchase three (3) air packs at an estimated cost of \$20,121.96 for the Good Thunder Volunteer Fire Department. Council member, Kenton Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Klammer informed the council that he and Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, had made clarifications in the fire contract after it had been approved at the last council meeting. The clarifications made were:

- Changing the fee from \$500 to \$1500 for Lyra and Rapidan Townships to be jointly responsible for all repairs and maintenance on each of the water tankers with they currently hold title to;
- A change in stating specifically what areas are specifically covered in Rapidan Township;

It was felt that this will make the agreement a clear-cut document.

Council member, Jim Prom, made a motion to approve the "revised" Fire Contract between the City of Good Thunder and the townships of Rapidan, Lyra, Decoria, Beauford and Garden City. Council member, Sarah Karels, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, informed the council that the city needs to disband the Good Thunder Police Department as required for Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST Board).

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion that the city of Good Thunder's Police Department be disbanded effective December 31, 2014. The Tri-City Police Department became effective January 1, 2015. Council member, Jim Prom, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Tri-City Police Commission meeting will be held in Vernon Center on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Barnard informed the council that the city's copier and fax machine are in need of replacement. At this point, parts for the copier are becoming hard to obtain due to the age of the machine.

In speaking with Metro Sales the city can obtain a Ricoh MPC 2003 copier, with a fax machine included, under the State Contract for \$4,877. The maintenance contract would be \$49.50 per quarter which includes 3,000 black copies with overages billed at .0125 per copy and color would be billed based upon actual usage of .075 per copy. These prices would be locked in for 5 years. Metro Sales would also cover the cost of disposing of the old copier at no additional cost and credit any used maintenance towards the new copier. Metro Sales service agreement would include all service, preventative maintenance calls, parts, labor and unlimited supplies. Ms. Barnard informed the council that the current machines are estimated to be twelve (12) years old. Discussion followed.

Council member, Kim Hernandez made a motion approving that the city purchase, from Metro Sales, Inc., The Ricoh MPC 2003 copier and fax machine under the Minnesota State Contract for \$4877. This purchase is also to include the maintenance contract. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member, Jim Prom, stated that Ms. Barnard was correct on stating that the city did not have to adopt the Minnesota Building Code. He suggested that the city consider adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. Clerk-Treasurer Barnard will check into this and inform the council of her findings.

Council member, Sarah Karels, made a motion approving the bills as presented and distributed. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous items discussed were:

- Clerk-Treasurer Barnard informed the council that she had checked with the city's insurance agent regarding one-day insurance coverage for the Blues and Bar-B-Que event May 16th at Robert Anderson's trucking shed on Graham Street. This event will be advertised as a BYOB. The city's insurance can cover the Host Liquor Liability in the event of a loss by adding Arnold Anderson Trucking as an additional insured to the policy for May 16th. The committee would need to draw up a contract between them and the city stating that the city will list them as an additional insured.
- Mayor Anderson asked that council members consider items that need to be done in the spring.
- Discussion was held on the water line and fire hydrant in the alley between Ewing Street and Halladay Street. Mayor Anderson was instructed to contact Boening Brothers for a cost estimate. It was decided that when Boening Brothers are looking at this project to have them look at Chapel Street. Between Halladay Street and Houk Street and see if they have a recommendation. Mayor Anderson will ask City Engineer, Jeff Domras, what type of pipe should be installed in alleviating water run-off from this street.

Council member, Kim Hernandez, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Council member, Sarah Karels, seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard
Clerk-Treasurer

