

# GOOD THUNDER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

November 2, 2015

The November 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 Court, Good Thunder, Minnesota. Council members present, Kim Hernandez; Sarah Karels, Jim Prom, Ken Giese. Others in attendance: Hunter Chaffee, City Maintenance; Brian Severns, Water/Wastewater; Cheryl Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of tabling Chapter 16-Animals until a later date; and to add approval of minutes of the October 19, 2015 informational meeting under Approval of Minutes. Council member, Kim Hernandez, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015, city council meeting and minutes of the October 19, 2015 informational meeting as presented and distributed. Council member, Sarah Karels, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the city's Wellhead Protection Plan. Terry Bovee had been contracted by the city to work with Brian Severns-Water/Wastewater Operator and Cheryl Barnard-Clerk-Treasurer in the completion of this report. Mr. Bovee informed the council that he had worked for the Minnesota Department of Health for several years before his retirement. Mr. Bovee explained that the first portion of the plan was completed by the Minnesota Department of Health at no cost to the city. The Wellhead Protection Plan is a federal mandated program under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Areas addressed in this plan are:

1. The inventory of potential contaminants of concern within the Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA);
2. The data that was considered in this portion of the plan;
3. Issues, problems, and concerns within the DWSMA;
4. Goals, objectives, and action strategies to address the issues and concerns within the DWSMA;
5. A Plan evaluation strategy; and
6. A contingency strategy in the event of water system disruption.

The city has two residential wells within the Wellhead Protection area. There would be funding in sealing such wells through the Minnesota Department of Health. Mr. Bovee explained how Ms. Barnard could apply for funding, for reimbursement to property owners, for this expense. The council/citizens were informed by Mr. Bovee that the city has geological protection as the city's well is extremely deep. A molecule of water would take one year to draw into the captured well area. Because not much water is pumped in Good Thunder, we have low vulnerability towards contamination. Upon the council's approval of the Wellhead Protection Plan, the plan will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health. The city would then be notified if the plan is approved within ninety (90) days of submittal.

Council member, Sarah Karels, made a motion declaring that a Public Hearing was held regarding the Wellhead Protection Plan, and the plan was approved as presented, by the Good Thunder city council for submission to the Minnesota Department of Health for their approval. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member, Ken Giese made a motion approving the following Zoning Permits:

**GT-18-15, 850 Sherman Street, concrete work**

**GT-19-15, 100 Front Street, erect a leg, tower and overhead structure**

Council member, Jim Prom, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Maintenance, Hunter Chaffee, reported on the following:

- Snow bucket has been constructed and is at the city shop
- Water mains will be flushed November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Chaffee stated that a resident had constructed two buildings on their property without applying for a Zoning Permit. They were contacted informing them that they were in violation of the city's zoning regulations and that they would need to apply for a permit by contacting Mr. Chaffee, pay a \$250 fine, and that the two buildings would need to become in compliance of the city code. Nothing was done. City Attorney, Chris Kennedy, was contacted. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would proceed with legal action against the property owner upon the request of the city council. Tri-City Police Chief, Ryan Jordan, had presented documentation of two (2) properties to Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, that have received several notices from the Tri-City Police Department to come into compliance with nuisances on their property. Police Chief Jordan suggested that Mr. Chaffee, and a council member, go and view the two properties and if they in agreement proceed legally with the abatement procedure. Discussion followed.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion to proceed with legal action, as suggested by the City Attorney, against the property at 621 Main Street, 131 N. Ewing Street, and 220 Hubbell Street. Council member, Jim Prom, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. City Maintenance Chaffee will view these properties, with a council member, and contact Chris Kennedy, City Attorney, to proceed with legal action.

Mr. Hunter presented information regarding street sweepers. Since Mr. Hunter has been employed, by the city, he has spent 55 hours working on the city's current 1973 sweeper. The council was informed that parts are becoming extremely hard to obtain due to unavailability. MacQueen Equipment has four (4) available sweepers that were presented by Mr. Chaffee for review by the council. Mechanical models that were reviewed were two (2) 1995 sweepers and one (1) 1998 sweeper. A 2003 Elgin Pelican Model P fully hydraulic machine with hydrostatic transmission was reviewed. The cost of this sweeper is \$45,000. The sweeper has approximately 4,400 hours and 17,000 miles on it. In discussing this equipment, the council did agree that the city should consider replacement of the sweeper. Council member, Kim Hernandez, felt that such a purchase may need to wait until 2016 as she was concerned about equipment repairs that may need to be made yet this year, and in the winter months of 2016. Councilor Karels stated that if the council decides to wait on such a purchase that it again be

revisited in 2016. Clerk-Treasurer Barnard informed the council that currently there is \$37,500 in the maintenance vehicles/street department's Future Improvements. Other suggestions were to possibly rent a sweeper or repair the sweeper that the city owns. Mayor Anderson suggested that the city purchase the 2003 Elgin sweeper if MacQueen agrees to accept \$25,000 in 2015 with the remainder payable in September of 2016. The city will trade-in the current sweeper to MacQueen for \$1500.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion that the city purchase the 2003 Elgin Pelican Model P street sweeper from MacQueen if they accept a payment of \$25,000 in 2015 with the remainder, after trade-in of the 1973 sweeper, payable in September of 2016. Council member, Kim Hernandez, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, informed the council that all business applications, and payments for these applications, have been received from Good Thunder Market and Thunder Bar and Restaurant for 2016.

Council member, Ken Giese, made a motion approving the 2016 business licenses for Good Thunder Market and Thunder Bar and Restaurant as submitted to the city for 2016. Council member, Sarah Karels, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, informed the council that the city's Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held December 7, 2015. The 2016 city budget will be finalized at this meeting.

Water/Wastewater Operator, Brian Severns, informed the council that he had met with City Maintenance Chaffee and trained him in on the hand held radio read transmitter for the radio water meters. Severns has also shown Mr. Chaffee how to flush the water mains for the city. Mr. Severns informed the council that the inside of the well house needs to be painted. When it was last painted, the wrong paint was used and now flaking and peeling of the paint is occurring and needs to be corrected. Mr. Chaffee was informed to obtain paint from Sherwin Williams, for the painting of this building. Mr. Severns also informed the council that the pond is ready to be discharged for the fall-discharge.

Randall Glaser was present and asked if he could hunt geese and ducks near the lagoon. This was discussed in detail. It was agreed by Mr. Severns that fecal matter, from geese, is a concern at the pond due to the number of geese in the fall. Mr. Glaser was granted permission to hunt under the condition that all hunting requirements be followed and that he not enter the fenced in area at the pond site.

Fire Chief, Phil Klammer, informed the council that during the month of October 2015, the fire department responded to nine (9) calls. There were three (3) medical calls, two (2) fire calls and four (4) assist calls. Two hundred and eight-seven (287) students were involved in Fire Prevention Week, Fire Chief Klammer reported. Fire Chief Klammer also reported that there were approximately 600 in attendance at the Pork Feed and 400 in attendance at the fall Pancake Breakfast. Mr. Klammer stated that the department is very grateful for the continued support of the community and the surrounding area. The fire department will be involved in two training sessions in November. Klammer also informed the council that the furnace/ac unit at the fire

station will be replaced by Schwickert's at an estimated cost of \$5630. Three air packs have been ordered at a cost of \$6,695.09, per air pack, with a total cost being \$20,085.87. The Fire Department has received grants from the DNR which is a 50/50 grant for the purchase of an air pack and a \$3,000 grant from AgStar which will be used towards a Thermo Imaging Camera.

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

Council member, Kim Hernandez, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Council member, Ken Giese, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard  
Clerk-Treasure