

Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Good Thunder City Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Anderson called the September 10, 2012, meeting of the Good Thunder City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting convened in council chambers located at 130 Ewing Street, Good Thunder. All council members were present. Others in attendance were: Police Chief, Jeffrey Marx, Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, Water/Wastewater operator Brian Severns.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilor Tom Froehlich made a motion approving the agenda with the addition of a Zoning Permit Application. Councilor Russ Brase seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Russ Brase made a motion approving the minutes of the August 6, 2012, city council meeting and minutes of the budget workshop of September 5, 2012. Councilor Tom Froehlich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lola Giese presented an update of the Flea Market and stated that it has been going well.

The council discussed the two bids received for patching and overlay of city streets. The first bid reviewed was from W W Blacktopping of Mankato for approximately \$16,500 and the second bid reviewed was from Southern Minnesota Construction of Mankato for approximately \$42,500. In reviewing the bids, the council had to examine the specifications that were submitted for each bid. In examining the two bids, it was found that SMC's bid included overlays for entire street blocks instead of patching of specific areas that had been dug up on that specific block. In recalculating SMC's bid, it was found that the bid would be approximately \$18,000. Councilor Tom Froehlich stated that he felt the city should accept the SMC proposal for this project. His recommendation was based upon a past project that had been completed by W W Blacktopping.

Councilor Tom Froehlich made a motion to hire Southern Minnesota Construction for patching and overlaying of city streets as discussed. The price allotted for this project is to be set at \$35,000. Councilor Russ Brase seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is to include the following:

- Patch ~ Main and Houk Street
- Patch ~ Sherman & Houk Street
- Patch ~ Sherman & Ewing Street
- Patch ~Shaubut & Ewing Street
- Shaubut & Ewing Street Remove & Replace
- Manhole Patching (possibly 3 manholes)
- Patch ~ Ewing to Sherman (after curb replacement has been completed)

Mayor Anderson informed the council that Jetter Clean had completed 9770 feet of preventive maintenance involving manholes and lines within the city. The council would like to have recorded the manholes that are cleaned, by Jetter Clean, placed on a city map for city records. Jetter Clean completes maintenance on one-fourth of the city's manholes annually.

The council discussed the placement of a sign by the fire hydrant on the corner of Main Street and Ewing Street. At this time, the fire hydrant cannot be opened because the placement of the sign is too close to the hydrant. The council was unsure of who installed the crosswalk sign, but it must be relocated.

Councilor Arlen Ostermann made a motion approving Zoning Permit GT-15-12, 220 Graham Street, add on 14' x 56', 3 sided, building to north side of present wash rack. Councilor Sarah Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, Tom Froehlich, reported that the Good Thunder Volunteer Fire Department responded to five (5) fire calls, and four (4) medical calls during the month of August 2012. The Pork Feed in Rapidan served about 600 people on Saturday, September 8th.

Councilor Arlen Ostermann made a motion approving the time sheets for the Street Department and the Water/Wastewater Department for the pay periods of 8-4-2012 thru 8-18-2012 and 8-18-2012 thru 9-1-2012. Councilor Sarah Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The hole in the pump house roof was discussed. It was decided to place a temporary patch (tin) on the roof until a decision is made on the repair of the aeration equipment inside the pump house. It was felt that this patch could be installed by city maintenance.

Police Chief, Jeffrey Marx, reported that the Police Department had forty-five (45) calls for service during the month of August 2012.

Police Chief Marx discussed with the council the painting of crosswalks. Discussion followed. Councilor Tom Froehlich made a motion that Police Chief Marx contact Peters Striping to complete this project. Councilor Russ Brase seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Sarah Karels made a motion approving the time sheets for part-time police officers during the month of August 2012. Councilor Tom Froehlich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Barnard, presented two resolutions for approving the 2013 preliminary budget. Discussion followed. Councilor Karels stated that she felt Barnard had done a good job in the preparation of the proposed 2013 budget.

Councilor Arlen Ostermann made a motion approving **Resolution No. 2013-06, Resolution Certifying the 2013 Proposed Tax Levy and Resolution No. 2013-07, Resolution Certifying the 2013 Proposed Special Levy**. Councilor Russ Brase seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The final 2013 budget will be approved at the December 3, 2012, city council meeting.

Ms. Barnard informed the council that Al Kluever, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Blue Earth County had been in contact with Bob Schiller of Ready Watt Electric who will be doing the installations of the new siren. The installation process will begin at the end of September. The city must pick up the siren, for Good Thunder, in the city of Lake Crystal.

In the discussion of bills, Councilor Brase questioned why the city paid for a repair, completed by Boening Brothers, at the corner of Sherman Street and Ewing Street. Discussion followed.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion approving the bills for payment as presented. Regarding the Boening Bros. statement City Maintenance, Jerry Birr, is to calculate the footage, of repair, at the corner of Sherman and Ewing Streets. The homeowner is to be charged \$100 per foot for this repair. Councilor Brase seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Ostermann stated that City Maintenance, Jerry Birr, has been absent from the past several council meetings. Ostermann stated that if he has a good reason for being absent, it is understandable. However, it would be of value to have him at the meetings to answer specific questions. An example was the street estimates presented at this meeting. It would have been a benefit for the council to have Birr present at the meeting. Councilor Froehlich stated that he is required to attend the meetings as required in his job description.

New Business:

- Councilor Karels explained the “Little Free Library”. This library will be placed outside of city hall. The contents more kid-centered. Ms. Karels will be the steward for this library.
- Councilor Brase suggested that Luke Kranz be the new electrician for the city. Council agreed.
- Councilor Froehlich reported that the warning light is on for the diesel tank at the city shop indicating that there is a leak which needs to be looked into.
- Brian Severns reported that there are fire hydrants that need to be replaced. These hydrants are in front of the school, end of the cul-de-sac on Ewing Street. Mr. Severns also asked that the brush be trimmed around the hydrant located on the Al Siebrands property.

Mayor Anderson thanked Sarah Karels for her work on installing the new park slide, the mulch and the borders. Ms. Karels expressed her thanks for the help received from Jerry Birr, Jeff Marx and Stacey Karels.

At this time, Vicki Hollerich, questioned why Todd Hollerich would be charged for a repair when he had been previously informed that this repair would be paid by the city. Discussion followed.

Councilor Tom Froehlich made a motion to rescind the previous motion of the city charging \$100 per foot of repair at the corner of Sherman and Ewing Street. Councilor Russ Brase seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson questioned if the picnic tables were taken by the fire department to the Pork Feed in Rapidan. Councilor Tom Froehlich stated that they had, and that some of the tables should be repaired by city maintenance.

The council again discussed placing a building at the ball park to house the electrical, have bathrooms, and a concession stand. Discussion followed. Tom Froehlich and Sarah Karels will meet and present a plan at the October council meeting regarding such a building.

Councilor Arlen Ostermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Councilor Sarah Karels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl A. Barnard, Clerk-Treasurer