

City of Good Thunder
Special Council Meeting
February 24, 2020 5:00p

Mayor Anderson presided; Councilors Karels, Kaul, Prom and Froehlich were present. City Clerk-Treasurer Helleksen was also present.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30p. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence followed.

Mayor Anderson stated the reason for this special meeting was to discuss CSAH 1, S.C.D. Loan, Easements, EDA and Employess.

Councilor Kaul made a motion to approve the agenda with the addion of adding the School board members to it. Councilor Froehlich seconded. The motion carried unanimously

CSAH1 – Curb & Gutter past graham st. The County would not be interested in it, but if the city wants it they will add it to the plan, however the city will absorb the total cost of that addition which is \$12,000-15,000. We need to make a decision tonight to get it added to the plans. Councilor Froehlich and Kaul both stated it would look more finished and to have it drive over on both side. Councilor Froehlich stated that we should do it, but also the City should cover any cost that there may be with 810 Sherman St for the sidewalk, curb or driveway. The mayor agreed that the home owner shouldn't increw any cost if there would be any. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to cover any costs. Councilor Prom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

School Board – Members Dan Anderson, Joe Sohre & Dan Sohre were present to give update and answer any questions. Stated that the next process will be a few months of design, hoping to start site prep in the fall. Spring 2021 to start construction, roughly a 16 month build time and start 2022 School year in the new building. They currently have a purchase agreement for the land that the school is to be built on.

Questions:

What will happen to the other schools? The School board will have a conversation with each city about what they want to see happen to the building. There is 1.4 million in the bond for the demo of the buildings if the cities do not want them. The school board would like to see the building back with the city and repurposed if they can be.

Cost? The School board would like to see the building go back to the city for \$1.00. The City will also have first chance at the school.

Recount? There is a recount of the votes scheduled for Thursday February 27 at 2:30pm in the AAA Gym in Mapleton, MN.

Bus Stops? There will have to be bus stops in town after the Good Thunder building closes. One (1) stop would be better than none, to keep the kids out of the elements. Each town currently has different drop off times and locations.

Preschoolers? The preschoolers will be transported via van. They are smaller and there is different rules, which is why they would not be bussed.

Sports? The football and most other sports will be practiced right on the new schools site. Track will still go to the old location for practice, but they will be transported by bus across HWY 22.

Blue Prints/Operating Costs: Mr Dan Anderson stated that he would get whatever we wanted over to us to review. There was an inspection done and their was roof repair, flashing done in 2015 they believed.

Misc? The Council would like to see the kitchen stay intact if possible. School board agreed but advised to check the CODES for Schools vs Commercial kitchens. The school does not intend to close the Good Thunder Building early, but things could always change.

Pongratz Field Easement: Waiting on the title company. Council advised Clerk Helleksen and City Maintenance Beckel to keep pressing them to get it done. Keep on top of Bolton & Menk. Kennedy needs legal discription and scoop of work for the easement paperwork.

6:45 pm City Attorney Chris Kennedy arrived

Small City Development Loans:

It was suggested to have a work session with the lenders if at all possible to see where we all stand.

The question was stated, "How long do we let this go one?" Kennedy stated that if we are the first to act, we might still not be paid. That it might just be cheaper for the city to pay the \$25,000 to Blue Earth County and walk away, this will atleast limit our expenses.

Kennedy advised that we need to make a plan of action.

EDA: Establishing an EDA for the City.

How do we fund it? Need Community input. Content Nutural. Keep out vision in place.

We need to know our Mission, Value and Purpose to establish, we need to have a work shop. Kennedy said it would be approated to use money from the general fund to get a study done and an inspection done on the school if the city is looking at moving forward with taking the school on.

Start doing the leg work. See what intrest is out there for businesses, community input, MSU and different agencys about programs/grants or any ideas they may have. Plan EDA Workshop for about 6 weeks out, gives some time to think and plan.

Reach out to the Community for input and informations.

City Employees: Revisit in March. (Pay equity. Pay Scale. Personnel Policy. 5-10 year pay schedule)

Motion Made by Councilor Karels to pay brains past due cellphone reimbursement from 10/2018 to present In the amount of \$450. Councilor Kaul Seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Helleksen mentioned a table and chairs she found for the chambers, it was use. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to purchase. Councilor Karels Seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Kaul made a motion to Adjourn meeting, Froehlich seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.