

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
April 14, 2025

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at City Hall at 130 S Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors Scott Stoltzman, Jon Brude, Amy Klammer and Jim Day were present. Brian Severns and Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, were present.

The pledge was recited, immediately followed by a moment of silence.

**Agenda:** Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**Bolten & Menk:** Jeff Domras and Joe Smith presented an update on the bonding bill project to council. This is a \$10.9 million project which includes a new well, treatment facility, demolition of the treatment facility, S. Halladay reconstruction, water looping on Hiller Dr. and a storm water retention pond, that was submitted to our State Representative Bjorn Olson March 2024. The treatment facility is over 100 years old and in need of repairs or replacement. The city is on the PPL (Public Priority list) and the IUP (Intended Use Plan). At this time the city needs to update the IUP, which Bolten and Menk will complete. Joe went over the grant options, and low interest loans. If the bonding bill is approved the city has 3 years to use the bonding dollars. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Bolten and Menk to update the IUP, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**Burkhardt & Burkhardt:** Greg Burkhardt presented the 2024-year end audit report. There were 3 findings during the audit that include Material audit adjustments, limited segregation of duties and Auditor prepared statements. Greg will work with Clerk Petty on balancing the monthly investment statements. There were no Compliance findings. Greg commended the city on having a clean compliance audit. All payroll and tax payments were paid on time and correctly. All documents the auditors requested were provided in a timely manner and records were in proper order. The city has a 600-day reserve in the general fund and a 862-day reserve in the business type fund. The auditors have made the following recommendations: review the refuse fund potentially raise the rate. The refuse fund is showing a negative balance and has been for quite some time. Continue to review the funds and make transfers if needed to keep the refuse fund in a positive balance. The general fund shows a loss of \$184,041 due to the transfer of funds to the water and sewer funds for projects done in 2024.

**Minutes:** Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes, with the spelling correction on page 2, and March 27, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

**Bills:** Check # 18421 to #18451, EFT#56825 to #56845, payroll EFT# 500160E to 500167E, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills as listed, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**Community comments:** Councilor Day spoke with a few residents that were requesting the potholes on Hiller Dr and S. Halladay be filled in. Brian will be filling potholes this week.

**Sheriff's Department** – 63 hours. HRO violation, disturbance, directed patrol, suspicious circumstances, vehicle off road, lost property, fraud, parking violation, assist ambulance and fire.

**Fire Department** – 11 calls: 4 medical, 2 lift assist, 1 mutual aid, 1 down powerline, 2 grass fire, 1 vehicle. Chief Klammer submitted a request to approve Gavin Doering membership as a GTFD Fire fighter effective 2/18/2025, Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve Gavin Doering's membership, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**Streets Update, Water/Sewer Update**– Eli Depuydt has accepted the offer for employment and will be starting April 30, 2025. Brian will be working with him for the first few weeks and then will step back and be available if Eli needs anything. Brian has been busy with locates, street sweeping, cutting up and removing a down tree by the ballfields and pushing up the brush pile. The city has a burn permit, once it is safe to burn, he will burn the pile. Meters are read every Monday and reviewed for any issues.

Building permit GT-01-25 – Councilor Klammer made a motion to approve Building permit GT-01-25, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

There are still 2 meters in town that are frozen and have not been replaced. Brian and Clerk Petty have been trying to contact the residents and get these replaced. Clerk Petty was able to contact the residence on Chapel Street and per the owner the water is off inside the house, and no one is living at the residence as they are remodeling. Councilor Brude made a motion to turn the water off at the curb stop until the new meter is installed, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Brian will try once more to turn the curb stop off at the other frozen meter on Hubbell St, if he cannot get it turned off, he will contact Boening Brothers and have them come out. Council decided to have Environmental Dust Control come out and treat Graham St, S. Halladay and Chapel in the Summer.

**Unfinished Business** –Life/Disability Insurance. Per the Personnel Policy the city offers Life/Disability Insurance, however Chad from M&M Insurance stated the city does not offer this. Mayor Anderson asked about getting quotes for health insurance. Clerk Petty will check into the Minnesota Health Consortium and work with M&M Insurance on insurance options for next year.

The first Spring Cleanup will be April 24-26, there will be 2 roll-off dumpsters at the city shop for residents of Good Thunder to dispose of garbage. Clerk Petty will work with Brian on getting a sign stating for residents of Good Thunder only. Councilor Day and Brian will provide Clerk Petty with contact information to obtain bids. The bid for the City Hall parking lot is past 90 days so the city will need to get updated bids again. Clerk Petty talked to Chris Kennedy regarding parking lines on Houk St from Main St. to Sherman St., the city has the authority to paint diagonal parking lines.

Council would like to have a special meeting regarding the Cannabis Ordinance and invite Nuleev to give the city information regarding the laws and regulations. Councilor Day will talk to his son and try and schedule a special meeting either May 1 or April 30 at 7pm.

**New Business:**

**Misc. Business:** Councilor Day asked about an update on the old school. Clerk Petty talked to Mike Drummer, and they are waiting for the interest rates to go down so the project will cash flow. As soon as they go down to about 5-5 ½% they will start the project.

Clerk Petty will be attending the MMCI Institute again on May 5-9, 2025, at the Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. She received a grant from the MCFOA for \$200 for the institute.

Councilor Brude made a motion to approve reimbursements to Clerk Petty for March and April mileage and mayor clerk meeting meal for a total of \$193.50, and reimbursements to Brian Severns for postage for mailing water samples for a total of \$9.53, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Councilor Klammer reminded everyone about the GTFD Pancake breakfast April 27, 9-1pm. Council again discussed the ballfield and what it could be turned into.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm

Next Regular Council Meeting May 12, 2025, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer