

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

August 12, 2024

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, Amy Klammer, & Jon Brude were present. Councilor Tom Froehlich was absent. Raece Johnson, City Maintenance, Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, and Brian Severns were present.

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

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

Minutes: Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the July 8, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Bills: Check # 18184 to #18211, EFT#56700 to #56721, payroll EFT# 50103E to 50114E, Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Chad Osterman from M&M Insurance – Overall insurance went down \$221, decrease in Work Comp premium, increase in payroll with offset the decrease. Property coverage stayed the same even with the increase in coverage. There were no losses or work comp claims in the city this past year. Clerk Petty discussed Pheasants Forever wanting to renovate the building they are using at Thunder Valley Park. They would like a 10–25-year lease, Chad stated the city is providing the insurance for the building at this time. Pheasants Forever is carrying liability insurance which covers any accidents or injuries when they are at the building. The city may want to have a discussion with Pheasants Forever and discuss exactly what coverage they have on the building and what the plans are for the renovations. Mayor Anderson and Councilor Brude brought up the possible sale of the building to Pheasants Forever, council decided to table the discussion until they meet with Pheasants Forever. There was discussion regarding coverage for the city park on Main Street by the Catholic church. Chad explained the Tort Limit and asked the council to make a motion to waive or accept the Tort Limit. Councilor Brude made a motion to waive the Tort Limit, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Rep. Bjorn Olson – Rep. Olson joined the council meeting via Zoom to give an update on the Bonding application the city applied for. In the next few months, Rep. Olson will be requesting the bills be drawn up and introduce these in January when they reconvene. Rep. Olson wanted to verify the total amount of \$10.892 Million the city requested and the scope of the project. He asked the council to decide on the lowest amount the city would need to complete the Water treatment facility, well, watermain looping, and watermain reconstruction project. Mayor Anderson stated the council will work with the engineers to come up with the requested information. Brian Severn's explained the need for a new water treatment facility, as the current one is slowly falling apart and in dire need of replacement. The city owns a lot where the new

water treatment facility and new well can go, which would allow the city to use the old treatment facility while the new facility is being built. Rep. Olson will meet with the city one more time before the drafted bill is introduced.

Community comments: Resident Carol Devlaeminck asked council what the setbacks are for buildings in a backyard. She is asking for help in working with a neighbor whose tin shed is on her property on S. Halladay St. The neighbor also has garden hoses and a trailer on the edge of her property. Per Clerk Petty, there was no request for a building permit for the shed. Councilor Stoltzman stated a letter should be sent to the resident requesting they obtain a permit for the building and observe the property setbacks. Clerk Petty will send out a letter.

Sheriff's Department – 62 hours. Suspicious person, animal complaint/bite, disturbance, civil, paper service, assist fire dept, welfare check, directed patrol.

Fire Department – 7 calls: 3 Medical, 2 Fire alarm, 1 lift assist, 1 fluid clean-up

Streets Update – Raece submitted a quote for the gate at the ponds of \$14,805. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the gate for the ponds at a cost of \$14,805, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Brian Severns explained all the requirements that need to be met for the building for the phosphorus pumps. Raece has been contacting builders for a quote and has only had 1 person return his call. He is currently waiting for that bid. He also talked to Chris Henke, and he will submit a quote as well. Council would like the building around the phosphorus pumps as soon as possible after the pumps are installed. Raece stated the quote of \$98,000 from Pearson Bros. for seal coating will be honored next year if the council wants to lock in the price for 2025. Mayor Anderson asked about the Mastic patching that was done last year. Raece will check with Nielsen and get a quote for some more patching. The Streets Committee will meet with Raece and go around and find places where Mastic patching would be beneficial. Resurfacing the basketball courts would cost roughly \$13,000, however if the bonding bill is passed and Good Thunder receives the funding, the potential retention pond would be close to where the basketball court is. Raece suggested the council hold off on resurfacing until the city knows for sure where the retention pond would go. Councilor Brude suggested the city look at other options for the ballfield since there are no games down there anymore. The possibility of pickle ball, tennis courts, disc golf, new basketball court. Resident Amy Strand suggested disc golf and gaga ball for the younger children. Councilor Stoltzman suggested a dog park since there are so many dogs in town that are loose. Raece gave an update on the Halladay Backyard Sewer project; the first manhole was installed; Front St will be closed until Tuesday evening. Chambers will go a little farther South and connect into a resident's sanitary sewer that was damaged when Xcel installed a power pole that pierced the sanitary sewer. Chambers also had all the trees and brush cleared just south of the project area. The Mural at Bell Tower Park is cracked and should be removed. The whole park needs to be renovated. Councilor Brude suggested the renovations be listed on the 2025 project list. There is a catch basin between Anderson Trucking and 310 Graham St. that has caved in and is dangerous. Chris Hanke wants to put drain tile in between the properties where the catch basin is to allow drainage. Mayor Anderson stated Chris Hanke would like to repair the catch basin. Council

discussed having him repair and replace the catch basin and decided it would benefit the city to have it done while the drain tile is being installed.

Water/Sewer Update – The estimate finish date of the phosphorus pumps is September 13, 2024, which is very close to the fall discharge dates. Brian is concerned that the pumps will not be ready for the fall discharge. The lead survey was submitted, and Brian selected the 10 houses that he will test, which were approved by Rural Water.

Unfinished Business:

Clerk Petty suggested the Ordinance Committee get started again as there are ordinances that need to be updated, changed or removed. Mayor Anderson suggested Clerk Petty contact the committee members and get it going again.

New Business:

Resolution 2024-06 Transfer \$61,744.47 ARPF Funds to Water Fund; Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried

Resolution 2024-11 Withdraw the matured CD from Community Bank in the amount of \$130,311.91 and deposit into the Sewer Fund; Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Resolution 2024-12 Accept a Donation of \$500 from Minnesota Deer Hunters Association to the Thunder Valley Archery Park; Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

The CD at MinnStar Bank will mature 8/20/2024. There is a 10-day grace period in which to withdraw the CD or put it into another CD. Council directed Clerk Petty to withdraw the CD.

Misc. Business:

Clerk Petty attended the FEMA disaster relief meeting in Mankato last week. There was an application to complete for reimbursement for the damage to the road to the compost pile and damage to the Thunder Valley Archery Park. Clerk Petty will work with Raece and Kellon to complete all forms and submit any information to FEMA.

Clerk Petty asked about scheduling Employee Performance Reviews. Council asked to have this put back on the agenda for the September council meeting.

Clerk Petty asked to schedule another budget workshop to finalize all the information. Mayor Anderson asked about farm water and the cost and suggested the council look at raising the cost per gallon. Council decided to have a budget workshop on September 9 at 5:30pm prior to the monthly council meeting.

Mayor Anderson asked about the money that was deposited into the general fund from the Good Thunder Day's Committee. There was \$4,256.14 deposited in May 2022 without a resolution accepting the donation. Council asked Clerk Petty to complete a resolution to accept the deposit and present it at the September council meeting.

Raece stated Empire televised the sanitary sewer from Main to the West of Shaubut. There should only be 2 houses hooked into this line, there are 3 extra connections, which could mean there is field tile connecting to the sanitary sewer. Council advised Raece to get some information regarding if the city can plug the extra connections and to make sure it is field tile connected.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Budget Workshop September 9, 2024, at 5:30pm

Next Regular Council Meeting September 7, 2024, at 7pm

Submitted Respectfully by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer