

GOOD THUNDER SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
February 23, 2026

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm at City Hall at 130 S Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors Scott Stoltzman, Jon Brude, and Jim Day were present. Councilor Amy Klammer was absent. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor, and Brian Severns were present

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

Mayor Anderson welcomed Mark Klema and Angela Olson from Bollig Engineering to the meeting. Mark stated everything is on track to have engineering for the project completed by August. There was good data on water usage. Brian Severns expressed his concern in having the wells pump the same amount of gallons per minute to have consistent chemical feed for both wells. Mark stated Nathan Feist from Bollig will be reaching out to gather more information on the wells. Mayor Anderson asked if any dead-end water mains could be added to the project as there is a dead-end line on Mielke St. Mark and Angela stated this could be included in the current project need. The replacement of the water main on Graham St could be included in Task Order #3 that is designed to address any other items the council feels need to be addresses. Mark will be reviewing the water mains that need to be replaced now and those that will need replacement in the future. Mark has reviewed the sanitary sewer reports and will be putting together a plan to replace the ones that need replacement and the potential to line the others. S. Halladay St will be returned to blacktop, the exact type of curb/gutter is yet undecided. Discussion regarding storm water drainage and if a retention pond is needed continued with input from council and resident Mr. Paul Barnard. Mark stated the city may not need a retention pond, since the city is not changing any streets from impervious to pervious surface. There is a drainage pipe that runs behind Ewing Ct, underneath Hiller Dr. and empties into a creek on Mr. Barnard's land. Mr. Barnard stated he could not find where an easement was ever done for the drainage pipe, the city is also unable to locate an easement. There is an area on Chapel St that retains water during heavy rains. Mayor Anderson asked if the city could remove some of the clay on 530 Sherman to construct a road by the storage units, Mark suggested the city not to remove any sod, soil, or clay from the area due to financing and the overall design of the water treatment facility.

Councilor Brude asked about the financing and when the city knows how much funding the city will get and how much the city will need to be borrowed. Angela explained the process of Public Funds Authority (PFA) and the funding umbrella. Angela stated it would be better to add the looping of dead ends into this project instead of waiting for another project to add to because the funding may not be there next time. Once the project starts, PFA will refund monthly, the city will apply for Minnesota Rural Water loan to help cover the cost of engineering until the PFA loan starts refunding. Clerk Petty asked for a timeline, Angela will contact us ahead of time on all deadlines and work with Clerk Petty on any applications. The city will need to borrow \$500,000 for the initial engineering costs, Bollig's funding team will help the city obtain the

funds. Angela suggested the city look for and work with a Municipal funding specialist. She gave the city a suggestion and Clerk Petty will contact the auditors for more information.

The project will be designed, then out for sealed bids, once the sealed bidding is complete the city will review the bids and PFA will then award the amount of funding. Angela doesn't think the city will need to purchase a bond. This process will be complete potentially by the end of summer.

The city has a WHP that will need to be updated when the city puts in new wells. Angela stated since the city has a WHP there is some funding that will help with the cost a new well. Angela asked for the WHP to be sent to her so she can work on the extra funding available.

The treatment facility will be similar to what we currently have. It will probably be pressure filter instead of gravity filter. Brian stated will be potentially 2 tanks with sand in it with a stone bed in the bottom that will rotate. The new treatment facility will be designed to filter 130 gallons per minute per filter and there will be 2 filters.

Mark stated Bollig is working on the easements for the Halladay Backyard Sewer project. Per the county, the verbiage needs to be updated. He will review the easements and work with Clerk Petty to get these done correctly.

**Community comments:** None

**Adjourn:** Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer