

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
February 9, 2026

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, and Jim Day were present. Councilor Amy Klammer was absent. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer and Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor, were present. Brian Severns was absent.

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

Consent Agenda: Mayor Anderson requested agenda item F(a) be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the agenda as an action item. Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-F except for F(a), Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes- January
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18705 to CK #18734, EFT #56985 to #56998, Payroll EFT #500235 to #500240
- D. Building Permit – GT 26-01
- E. Sheriff's Department – 89 Hours
 - a. Directed patrol, assist ambulance, domestic, civil, nuisance complaints, paper service
- F. Fire Department – 7 medical, 1 vehicle fire, 1 MVA
 - a. ~~Approve New Fire Chief Mitch Froehlich effective 1/20/2026~~
 - b. Accept resignation of Brady Hewitt and Spencer Thorston effective 1/6/2026

Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve Mitch Froehlich as the new Fire Chief effective 1/20/2026, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Community comments: None

Streets Update –Survey crews from Bollig Engineering have been in town shooting topography for detailed design and taken samples of the raw and treated drinking water. The office staff have started on the detailed design, Bollig will have questions for the staff/council and will want to meet in 2-4 weeks to discuss the next steps in the process. 3 additional water service lines were identified for replacements; these were placed on the list with Bollig. Eli received a modified quote from CMR Plumbing in the amount of \$16,400 for the necessary work on the water treatment facility. Mayor Anderson asked for a motion to approve the \$16,400 for the necessary repairs to the water treatment facility, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid from CMR Plumbing, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Boening Bros was out right away and fixed the water main break on Graham Street. Water was off for about 2 hours during

the repair. Carr's Tree Service completed some tree trimming in the city park. Midwest Construction will be resolving issues on the shed at the wastewater ponds as weather permits. Eli ordered the parts for the sweeper from Zarnoth Brush Works, as their quote was \$1000 less. The F-450 has been serviced; oil changed as well as fuel filters. The front U-joint and ball joints need to be replaced. Once these are done, he will bring the truck to High Performance Garage for the annual inspection at the end of February. The Fire Department asked about updating the internet at the fire station to fiber. The current internet is not strong enough to handle any online training they do. The quote is approximately \$165 a month. Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the installation of Fiber Internet at the fire station, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve fiber internet installation at the fire station, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson inquired about the road extension Calvin Baarts asked about at the previous meeting. Eli stated he will contact Peterson Bros. and Blue River Excavating and obtain a quote. Eli stated there is a pile of clay down by the compost pile that can be used.

Eli presented council with an agenda item from Bollig: Bollig is asking council to approve geotechnical services for the Water Treatment Plan project. The budget for these services is \$15,000. The proposal has not been prepared yet, however Bollig is asking for a vote to allow the mayor or acting Mayor to sign the approval of the proposal for up to \$15,000 for the Geotechnical services, once the proposal has been presented. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the Geotechnical services up to \$15,000, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Council discussed finishing the floor in the shed by the ponds. The concrete slab that is there is only large enough for the chemical totes, council would like to pour concrete to the edge of the footings. Eli will look into getting this done this spring.

Water/Sewer Update – In Brian's absence, Eli one of the pumps in the lift station was not working correctly. Quality Flow came out and repaired it.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty reported the audit prep has been completed. The auditors will be at city hall doing fieldwork Feb. 26. She has been working with Angela from the funding department at Bollig to learn more about the financing. Jon met the Clerk Petty and suggested the council schedule a special meeting with Bollig to go over additional questions the council has. Council discussed dates to hold a special meeting, Councilor Brude made a motion to schedule a special meeting with Bollig Engineers on Feb 23 or March 2 at 5:30pm, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty will reach out to Bollig to confirm a date. Clerk Petty asked council to come up with questions for the engineers, and she will email them to Bollig ahead of the special meeting. Mayor Anderson asked Clerk Petty to reach out to Rep. Bjorn Olson and ask if he can attend a meeting to update the council on the bonding process.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Brude gave an update on the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee has met a few times to discuss contributions to employee HSA's, Comp time, and also employee pay for working holidays. The committee suggested the city contribute \$200/month to each full-time employees HSA, for a total of \$2400/year, allow full-time employees to comp time vs. overtime. This would mainly affect the City Maintenance Supervisor position. The city will share the MN Paid Family Leave cost; the city will pay .33% and each employee will pay .33%. If an employee has to work on a paid holiday, the employee

will receive the holiday pay plus 1 ½ times their hourly wage for hours worked during the holiday. Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the changes/updates to the personnel policy, Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve the updates to the Personnel Policy, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

New Business: none

Misc. Business: Councilor Brude started a list of questions for Bolling Engineering and asked council to think of any questions for them regarding the project or funding. There was some discussion on having a parade in town during the car show August 1. Council is hoping a group of residents will come forth help with additional events dur the day.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Special meeting scheduled for either Feb. 23 at 5:30pm or March 2 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer