

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

February 10, 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, Amy Klammer, Jim Day & Jon Brude were present. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, was present, Brian Severns was 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 Stoltzman made a motion to approve January 13, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Bills: Check # 18378 to #18404, EFT#56796 to #56811, payroll EFT# 500151E to #500157, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Community comments: None.

Sheriff's Department: 59 hours. Directed patrol, ambulance assist, animal complaint, welfare check, suspicious person, paper service.

Fire Department: 5 calls: 5 medical.

Streets Update – Brian Severns presented council with two quotes for a sander for the F450 truck, \$12,260.00 if the city purchases now, or \$12,766.00 if the city waits to purchase. Council discussed the need for a new sander, where to store it when not in use. Council discussed the old generator for the ponds that the city does not need at this time and possibly selling it. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the purchase of a sander for the F450 truck, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. The International truck needs one more part and the sander for that will be operational. Brian received a quote for cleaning the ceiling at the city shop from Midwest Softwash in the amount of \$850. Councilor Klammer made a motion to accept the bid from Midwest Softwash in the amount of \$800, Councilor Day seconded, motion carried. Brian will contact Midwest Softwash and schedule the cleaning as soon as possible. Council thanked Brian for his hard work at cleaning and organizing the city shop. Council would like to insulate and finish the cold side of the city shop. Brian is also working on replacing broken tools and making a list of needed items. Meters are being read weekly and reviewed for excessive usage or any error codes. There are still 2 meters that are either frozen or not working correctly. Brian is trying to contact the property owners and work on solving the issues.

Water/Sewer Update: Hawkins will be delivering chemicals to the treatment facility Thursday. Brian will be attending the MWOA Southeast Section Meeting in Albert Lea Feb 12. The cost is \$20. This is continuing education Brian needs to complete to maintain his licenses. Councilor

Brude made a motion to approve the \$20 fee for Brian to go to the MWOA Southeast Section Meeting and for mileage reimbursement, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Archery Park Repair – Kellon Giese gave an update on the repairs needed from the flooding last summer. Kellon worked with Clerk Petty on obtaining funding from FEMA to repair the damaged targets, shooting lane and manhours needed to repair everything. The city received \$6762.62 from FEMA to replace 2-3x3 targets, 3-4x4 targets, the wood support frames for all the targets, waterproof wrapping and 50 ft x 3ft x 3inch deep shooting lane and the labor to repair the Archery Park. Kellon also stated the park needs a storage container to keep all the targets in during winter when the park is closed. Kellon contacted Northland Container in Kasota and the approximate cost of a container is \$2600. Kellon will donate his pay for the hours worked repairing the Archery Park to help offset the cost of the container. Kellon asked Council if they would be willing to help with the cost of the container. Council asked if there were cameras down there, Kellon has put some up in the past to monitor the usage of the Archery Park. Currently there are no cameras down at the compost pile or Archery Park. Council discussed the possible need for cameras at the compost pile due to unauthorized items being dumped there and also dumping of items from people who do not live in the city limits. Kellon gave some insight into the cost of cameras and what type would be a good fit for the needs of the city. Council suggested donating \$1000 to the Archery Park to help with the cost of the container and also to get some camera's. After more discussion, councilor Brude made a motion to have the city purchase the container in the amount of approximately \$2600, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Kellon will reach out to Northland Container and research some cameras.

Spring Clean-up – Clerk Petty suggested the curb side clean-up be on a weekday instead of a weekend due to staffing concerns at LJP. Council discussed having a dumpster at the city shop on alternate months and have it monitored by the city cameras. Signs will need to be posted stating city residents only. This could also be inside the city shop. Council asked Clerk Petty to reach out to LJP again and ask about the cost of dumpsters and get more information.

Remodel City Hall – Mayor Anderson suggested the council get a spec sheet before getting bids to open up the garage at city hall. Councilor Day made a motion to have Calvin from Vernon Center Lumber come out and create a spec sheet, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Dakota Mart – the Order for Disclosure was served in December with no response. The judgement was docketed and the Order to Show Cause was filed.

Acting Mayor – Councilor Stoltzman was acting Mayor for the month of January. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Councilor Brude as acting Mayor for the rest of the year, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

New Business: The Personnel Committee reported there were 3 applications that came in. Two of them were missing information and given time to complete the information, they did not. There was 1 interview Friday Feb 7. The Personnel Committee would like to extend a conditional offer to the applicant. Councilor Brude made a motion to extend a conditional offer to the applicant interviewed, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Misc. Business: MN Valley Council of Governments will be offering a new council training course in Mankato. Councilor Day would like to get more information.

February 17 City Hall will be closed in recognition of President's Day.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Stoltzman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Next Regular Council Meeting March 10, 2025, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer