

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
January 12, 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, Amy Klammer, Jon Brude and Jim Day were present. 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.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-F as listed on the agenda. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes December 8, 2025
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18683 to CK #18704, EFT #56969 to #56984, Payroll EFT #500229 to #500234
- D. Gambling Permit request – Lost Marsh Ducks Unlimited
- E. Sheriff's Department – no report received
- F. Fire Department – 8 calls: 6 medical, 1 structure fire, 1 grass fire

Community comments: None

Baarts Storage – Calvin Baarts expressed an interest in building another storage facility at the East end of town and asked council if they were interested in extending the road another 150 feet to accommodate another storage building. There was some discussion regarding how and who would extend the road. Council asked when he would start the building and need the road complete. Calvin stated he would like to apply for a permit this spring and start construction soon after. Council agreed to extend the road.

High Performance Garage – Tucker and Tyler Truebenbach were in attendance to discuss having another “Day of Thunder” event at the ballfield August 1, 2026. They are hoping to make it bigger this year and potentially have some carnival rides, a parade and other activities. They have received some input from area residents and would like to ask for volunteers to help this year. They would like the city to help with signage to make it easier for people to find the event and help with parking. They will be putting up signage in town asking for volunteers and sponsors. Discussion regarding taking down the outfield fence and the benefits and drawbacks of it. Mayor Anderson suggested the council have a public meeting to discuss the future of the ballfield and what the residents would like to see down there. Council agreed to be a sponsor for the event and will look into getting signage for the event.

Archery Park Update – Kellon and Ken Giese updated the council on the renovations to the Archery Park due to the flooding in 2024. Kellon worked with Clerk Petty to apply for FEMA

funding to replace the destroyed targets and the shooting lane. The Archery Park was awarded about \$6900 for repairs. Kellon and Ken purchased 6 targets and materials to build stands for the targets. They have completed all the necessary repairs to the shooting lane, built the stands for all but 1 target. They have put all the targets away for the winter. The Archery Park has seen an increase in traffic this summer and they would like to update the signage on Co. Rd 10 and a sign with the rules of use of the Archery Park. Eli will check into getting signs and check with the county on placement. Councilor Klammer thanked Kellon and Ken and all the volunteers for all the work they put into the Archery Park.

Bollig Engineering- Brian Bollig, Mark Klema and Angela Olson attended the council meeting to review the needs assessment results and options for the city. The water treatment plant was constructed in the 1920's or 30's and is working properly, however the equipment is starting to fail and is in need of major repairs or replacement. There is extensive corrosion/degradation of rust. The electrical and controls are outdated and corroded as well. Well 1 was drilled in the 1920's or 30's and Well 2 was drilled in 1987. The water tower is in good condition for it's age and has been well maintained. Majority of the watermains are from the 1960's, some areas were replaced within the last 20 years with PVC. There are low pressure concerns with the S. Halladay St and Willard St. There is also a 4" dip in the southwest part of town. The Sanitary Sewer has varying types of pipes and conditions; there are some clay pipes that will need to be replaced. There is still I&I issues in town that could be fixed with updating the sewer lines. The Sanitary Sewer treatment ponds are working properly with no issues. The existing Storm Sewer needs to be updated. The proposed upgrades that include a new water treatment plant, 1 new well, and new water mains are on the finalized IUP (Intended Use Plan) for PFA (Public Facilities Authority) funding. Bollig will prepare application to pursue the PFA funding for the lead service line replacement. The Sanitary and Storm Sewer updates were not placed on the PPL and Bollig will work on getting those plans added to the PPL in March 2026. Bollig presented Task Order 2: prepare design and bidding documents for Phase 1(Water treatment plant, 1 new well, new watermains and Halladay St watermain improvements) and Task Order 3:Create a facility plan to add the storm sewer and Sanitary sewer to the PPL in March 2026, prepare materials to add the galvanized water service line replacement to the PPL in March 2026, and design, bid and construction administration needs to install the remaining 200 feet of Halladay back yard sewer project that is unfinished. The total cost for the task orders is \$1 million. Council discussed financing options and how Bollig will help with applying for funding and grants. After several minutes of discussion, Mayor Anderson called for a motion for Task order 2. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Task order 2, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson called for a motion for Task Order 3. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Task order 3, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Brian Bollig presented council with Resolution 2026-3 Resolution Applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3, Councilor Day seconded. Motion carried.

Streets Update – Eli received a call from the resident at 147 Front St. with a report of a sewer backup. The resident had a jetter company clear it and discovered the pipe is Orangeburg and will need to be replaced. The city would benefit from this line replacement in a reduction in I&I. Eli will need to investigate more because there is not a good record on where the service line

connects to the sewer main. He is currently working with Rural Water and may need to get Empire pipe involved to figure out exactly where it goes. The homeowner will be waiting until spring to do the repairs. Luke's Electric took down the Christmas lights. Having him put them up and take down saves a lot of time and reduces risk, it's well worth the money. Vernon Center Lumber put together specs for the remodel of the garage at city hall. The new carbide cutting edges were installed on the F-450 plow. They are performing very well and will outlast the previous edges. The sander lifting bracket has been built and works extremely well. It cuts down on time and risk of injury in removing and installing the sander. Eli has been keeping an eye out for a suitable replacement to the international plow truck. The truck is still performing very well. He will be starting to work on the sweeper repairs. Eli met with Jim and Robert and compiled a list of issues to be addressed on the new building at the ponds. The issues have been communicated to the contractor, and he is working on addressing them.

Water/Sewer Update – Brian's water license and continuing education needs to be renewed. Eli will be able to take his test and become a class D operator for the wastewater. MN Rural Water Conference is in March. The cost is \$350/person. Brian's 3 days will be training, and Eli's will be in exam prep. Brian is asking council for approval to attend the MNRW Conference in St. Cloud, and the lodging needed. Mayor Anderson asked for a motion to approve Brian and Eli attending the MNRW Conference in March, Councilor Day made a motion to approve the request, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Javen's and OCM submitted quotes for the necessary repair to the treatment plant. Brian and Eli will review the quotes and check into other types of material for the pipes due to the potential replacement of the water treatment facility.

Personnel Committee – Councilor Brude suggested this be tabled until next month so they can do some more research.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty sent out a few disconnect notices due to non-payment of water bills; there is still one that has not paid. Eli and the clerk discussed this and didn't feel water should be shut off in the winter. Council agreed and suggested the clerk continue to send out past due notices and will start to send disconnects in the spring. The fire Department asked the clerk to check into fiber internet as they are having some issues with downloading training due to slow internet. She has received a quote from Fidium and is checking into state contracts to see if there are other options. There are 2 properties that are still in non-compliance with the Ordinances, our attorney sent one more letter to the residents with no response, per council the attorney will start the abatement process. Mileage reimbursement rates increased 2.5 cents per mile. W2's and all year end tasks have been complete d. She is waiting for audit information from Carlson SV (formerly Burkhardt & Burkhardt) to start compiling the audit requests. MN Paid Family Leave has been updated in Banyon and is working properly.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Resolution Authorizing EFT and ACH payments for 2026 and Resolution 2026-02 Approving the clerk/treasurer to make payments up to \$3500 between council meetings. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 and 2026-02, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

2026 Council Committees:

Water, Sewer, Garbage: Amy Klammer, Scott Stoltzman

Streets, Sidewalks & Alleys: Robert Anderson, Scott Stoltzman

Recreation & Parks: Jim Day, Jon Brude

Personnel: Jim Day, Jon Brude

Administration: Amy Klammer, Jon Brude

Acting Mayor: Jon Brude

Official posting sites: City Hall, Good Thunder Post Office, Red Iron Mercantile

Official Newspaper: Maple River Messenger

Official Bank: US Bank

Council reviewed and Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the 2026 Committees, posting sites, newspaper, and bank, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the previous stated items, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Misc. Business: A few residents called city hall and asked about purchasing sand or red rock for their driveways. Council discussed this and determined it would not be in the city's best interest to do this. Council directed city staff to inform residents of this information when necessary.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer