

GOOD THUNDER SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
January 22, 2024

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00p at City Hall at 130 S Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors, Scott Stoltzman, & Jon Brude, and Amy Klammer 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.

Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson stated he liked how the bills were displayed with descriptions and the Fire Department was marked.

Past Due Water Bills – Clerk Petty stated there are 13 past due accounts totaling over \$13,000. Past due postcards were mailed at the end of December, some have paid, a few have made a payment, but most have been left unpaid. Council discussed what was done previously and how to proceed and follow through. Councilor Brude suggested Clerk Petty send the final and disconnect notices and Raece will put disconnect notices on resident doors within 2 days. Bills left unpaid will be disconnected February 5, 2024, at noon. Councilor Brude suggested a possible payment plan of 50% down and remaining balance must be paid by March 31, 2024. Clerk Petty was instructed to use her best judgment in making payment plans if needed.

Employee Evaluations – Councilor Brude worked with Sheila Huber from MVCOG to put together an employee evaluation form the council can use for job performance reviews and possible raises. Clerk Petty will email job descriptions for Maintenance Supervisor to Councilor Brude. Evaluations will be done in March. The Personnel Committee will send out evaluation forms for city employees to evaluate themselves and meet with employees for further discussion.

Project list – Councilor Brude created a spreadsheet with the projects the city will be working on in 2023 and going forward. Discussion on which projects should take priority and which ones can be put on hold for a year or more. The installation of water meters is at the forefront of the project list. Discussion on having a 3rd party installation vs. city employees, the cost for a 3rd party is approximately \$24,000. The lead line inspection and sump pump inspection can all be done at the same time. Having a 3rd party installation would remove any liability the city would have for any damage during the installation. Mayor Anderson asked Raece to talk to Kellon and see if he would be willing to help with the installation. Council decided to table a decision regarding installation until the next regular meeting. Councilor Brude asked Raece to contact DSG and find out if/when the meters should be ordered and what the process entails. Mayor Anderson suggested Raece find out what size the businesses in town will need. Seal coating needs to be added to the list at a price of approximately \$96,000. Wellhead and water treatment

system need to be done soon. Bolton & Menk are working on the specs for this project. Clerk Petty will contact Bolton & Menk and see if we can get the plans for S. Halladay water/sewer replacement and road work to send to Representative Bjorn Olson so he can try and obtain funding in the future. The Sewer line repair and catch basin repair by the post office will be done this year. Bolton and Menk are working on the specs to use chemicals and pumps to lower the phosphorous level at the pond. The generator is ready to be installed once the groundwork has been done. Council decided to postpone insulating the cold side of the city shop for the time being. Redoing the garage at city hall will also be postponed at this time as more pressing projects need to be done. Council asked Clerk Petty if the food shelf was being utilized, Clerk Petty stated there has been very little traffic at the food shelf and wonders if there is an actual need for it in town. As for the library, it has not been used for a while, other towns have a library that is run by volunteers. Brian Severns explained the need for a new water filtration system as the current one is in dire need of replacement. A few pipes have been replaced this fall due to shaking of the filters because the stabilizer bars have broken loose and there is no way to reattach. Brian explained what other towns are using for a filtration system. Further discussion on where to put a new wellhead and treatment facility ensued and the benefit of building a new one before tearing down the old one.

Community comments: None

Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Next Regular Council Meeting February 12, 2024, at 7pm

Submitted Respectfully by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer