

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
July 13, 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 Amy Klammer, Jon Brude and Jim Day were present, Councilor Scott Stoltzman was absent. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor, were present, and Brian Severns was absent.

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-G as listed on the agenda. Councilor discussed removing GT26-04 from the consent agenda for later discussion. Brude made a motion to approve the consent agenda items with the removal of GT26-04, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Building permit GT26-04 was removed and added to agenda topics for discussion.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes August
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18865 to CK #18897, EFT #57075 to #57097, Payroll EFT #500268 to #500275
- D. Building permits – GT26-03 GT26-04
- E. Reimbursements – Clerk mileage and 2nd qtr. phone reimbursement
- F. Sheriff's Department – 117 hours; assist, directed patrol, theft, harassment, suspicious circumstance, 911 hangup, alarm, traffic stop
- G. Fire Department – 7 calls: 5 medical, 1 grassfire, 1 downed power line

Community comments: None

Paul Barnard – Resident Paul Barnard showed concern regarding the use the dust control product that was used on Hiller Dr and Mielke St. The product is made with fatty acid which does not bind well and leaves a sticky, tacky mess on vehicles. He presented council 2 pictures of the damage the product did to his vehicle breaks, rotors and undercarriage of his vehicle and his daughter in laws vehicle. Council discussed using calcium chloride instead of soybean oil for future dust control. Mr. Barnard requested the city put Class 5 gravel on top of the soybean oil as the red rock isn't doing much to bind the product. Mr. Barnard stated the county puts down calcium chloride on the gravel county roads with no issues. Council directed Eli to spread gravel/limestone on Hiller and Mielke to help with breaking down the material.

High Performance Garage – Tucker and Tyler Truebenbach were in attendance to discuss "Day of Thunder" event at the ballfield August 1, 2026. They are having hay rides, carnival style games, and face painting. They are working with Eli on getting event signage, They will be blocking off the southwest road by the ballpark and redirecting traffic in from the northeast side by the school. Event is from 12pm-5pm, however cars will probably be coming and going from as early as 6am until probably 8pm. Music throughout the event. There will be no liquor vendors

on site. Councilor Day requested the city post signs stating no glass is allowed in the park. The St. John's church will be selling food and beverages from the concession stand again. Tucker is expecting this event to be at least twice the size it was last year. Mayor Anderson asked about insurance coverage for the event. The city holds liability insurance for the park. Clerk Petty will reach out to the insurance for clarification.

Ms. Sarah Blace –Resident Ms. Sarah Blace, 620 Main St was present to ask council to evaluate her water bill for a possible discount. She used approximately 8000 gallons to fill her pool. She is asking council to waive the sewer fee in the amount of \$51.28 that did not go down the sewer. Clerk Petty suggested she purchase an outside meter for future pool fills, however at that time, she declined. Council discussed the precedence it could set by waiving fees after the fact. After much discussion, councilor Brude made a motion to approve a one-time sewer discount on her water bill, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Councilor Klammer suggested Clerk Petty add on the fee schedule, sewer deduction from pool fills can be approved with prior approval and not after the pool has been filled. Clerk Petty will check with the city attorney on how to go about this.

GT26-04 – Kellon Giese, 121 S. Front St was present to represent his brother Korwin Giese, 821 Willard in a building permit that will include the use of a storage container as a shed. Kellon will be removing an old storage shed and replace it with a storage container. The storage container will eventually be moved behind the garage. Councilor Day made a motion to approve building permit GT 26-04, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Streets Update – Eli has been busy with storm cleanup. Eli asked for approval to hire Dylan Doyen, as part-time seasonal employee to help as needed. Funds can be moved from the Bell Tower Park to cover the cost. The hourly wage would be the same as Kellon, \$16.50. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the hire of Dylan Doyen as part-time seasonal employee, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Eli is working with High Performance Garage on event signs. He presented council with 2 options. One option is large metal signs that can fasten to wood barricades, the other option is the folding signs that are on a base, like temporary signs the county uses for road work. Those signs are \$200 for a base, and the sign is approximately \$50 each, the sign can also be remade for other uses. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve up to \$1500 for six folding signs and bases, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Eli presented a quote to council for replacing the manhole structure in the alley behind the Thunder Bar in the amount of \$12,948.26 from Boening Brothers. The manhole is old and caving in. The quote does not cover the tar to resurface the alley. Eli stated he can check into other streets in town that need repair and bundle the asphalt repairs for a better price. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid for \$12,948.26 for Boening Brothers to replace the manhole structure in the alley behind the Thunder Bar, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Water/Sewer Update In Brian's absence, Eli stated the water tower was cleaned and inspected. The Health Department was out and completed their yearly audit. Everything passed. They also inspected the lot where the potential water treatment plant and new well will be built. They approved the area and setbacks.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty reported the candidacy filing opens July 14-July 28, 2026, for 2 council seats, and 1 mayor seat. Clerk Petty informed Council that National Night Out is August 4, 2026, and asked if Council would like to participate again this year. It will be similar to last year. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve \$500 towards National Night Out, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty asked Councilor Klammer if she would contact All About Fun Rentals again and reserve a bounce house activity. Council Klammer will also contact Dick's Locker for hot dogs. Clerk Petty will contact Red Iron Mercantile, Culligan and Old Dutch for donations. Clerk Petty will check with Craig Walters and see if the Son's of the American Legion Post 616 is willing to sponsor again. Council was presented with Resolution 2026-05 Adopting Facility Plan, Council already approved the facility plan, however Bollig is requesting a resolution. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Council reserved Resolution 2026-04 Transfer Funds from 4M Account into General Fund until a later date. Council discussed completing the MN Rural Water Loan Application and requesting \$500,000 to help cover the initial costs of the engineering. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Clerk Petty completing and submitting the MN Rural Water Loan Application along with any necessary documents, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty received the new gas cards for the Fire Department. The WEX cards have been cancelled. The city has been paying taxes on the empty lot (530 Sherman), Clerk Petty worked with BEC and submitted a tax-exempt application. The application was approved and beginning in 2027 the city will no longer be paying taxes on the property. The Data Privacy Policy was reviewed and no updates were needed.

Unfinished Business: Clerk Petty presented council with information regarding joining the Maple River Area Chamber. Council discussed the advantage of joining the Chamber. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve joining the Chamber, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. MN Pheasants Inc. reviewed the lease and asked for a few verbiage changes, Councilor Day made a motion to approve the verbiage changes to the lease, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Councilor Day asked what the city can do with the old school and if there are any updates. Clerk Petty sent a letter a month ago and received no response. Councilor Day will reach out to Mike Drummer.

New Business: Clerk Petty asked council to schedule a budget workshop before the next council meeting. Council suggested the Fire Chief be invited and provide input into the Fire Department budget needs for next year. Clerk Petty will reach out to Fire Chief Froehlich. Councilor Brude made a motion to schedule a budget workshop Monday July 27, 2026, at 5:30pm, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson asked if the city had sent out any letters regarding overgrown vegetation. Clerk Petty sent out a few letters this month. Residents are encouraged to bring their concerns to city hall and Clerk Petty will address them.

Misc. Business: None

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer