

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
June 8, 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, 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 Brude made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes May 11 public hearing and council meeting
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18834 to CK #18864, EFT #57054E to #57074, Payroll EFT #500260 to #500267
- D. Building permits: GT26-02
- E. Reimbursements – clerk mileage, City Flowers -Linda Hiller
- F. Sheriff's Department – 101 hours: welfare check, assist, damage to vehicles, paper service, directed patrol, animal bite, assist, disturbance, suspicious circumstance.
- G. Fire Department –

Community comments: None

Rep Bjorn Olson – Rep. Olson attended tonight's meeting to touch base with council and discuss what bills were passed at the last session. He asked council to discuss the smallest amount the city would need for the \$10 million water infrastructure project and send it to him. Rep. Olson is on the transportation committee and the Legacy committee, he suggested council look at the future needs of the city and present a few smaller projects to him that he can try and get funding for, if he is re-elected in November. He would like to meet with council again in December to gather information he can bring to session for bonding. Council asked about the Rapidan Dam and bridge, Rep. Olson stated it was in the bonding package and then it was removed and never brought back.

Streets Update – Carr's Tree Service removed 5 trees from boulevards around town. Peters Striping will be coming out to restripe the crosswalks and parking lines. Eli continues to haul the concrete down by the compost pile; he has made a large dent in the pile. June 14th St. John's will be having an event at the Thunder Balley Park with a service and lunch. There will also be a bike ride using the shelter at the city park the same day. Both trucks are scheduled to have DOT inspections done this month. The rear axle seal in the F-450 was replaced. First round of round-up spot spray around the ponds and city property has been done. Disc mowing has been completed.

City staff received many complaints about dandelions in the park. Eli contacted 2 local lawn companies and LawnPro came out the cheapest at \$965 per application. They came out and sprayed once and will be back in the fall. Going forward, they will only have to spray in the fall. Eli presented a bid for EDC dust control in the amount of \$5,831.18 for Mielke and Hiller Dr., a bid for Peterson Motor Grader Service to extend the street by the Baarts Storage in the amount of \$11,485.28, and a bid from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$9,960.00 to replace one of the pumps at the ponds. After some discussion, Mayor called for a motion. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid for Quality Flow Systems for \$9,960.00, EDC Dust Control for \$5,831.18, and Peterson Motor Grader Service for \$11,485.28, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Eli asked council for the approval of another part-time seasonal helper to run equipment in his absence, or when he needs help with a project. Kellon has his hands full with mowing. This would be a summer seasonal at less than 5 hours a week and probably weeks when there would be no hours. Clerk Petty looked at the budget and stated there is no money in the budget for a seasonal part-time streets' worker. There was discussion on where the money could be moved from. Clerk Petty stated she will review the budget and see where potential funding could be moved from and bring the information to the July council meeting.

Water/Sewer Update – None

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty has been researching new fuel cards for the Fire Dept. The WEX cards they are currently using charge a monthly fee. US Bank has a Voyager Fuel Card with no monthly fees. She contacted a representative from Voyager Fuel Card and received an application and further information. The cards have no fees; the city can sign up for email statements. If the city is interested, Clerk Petty would like a motion to approve the switch from WEX fuel cards to US Bank Voyager Fuel Card. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the switch from WEX fuel cards to US Bank Voyager Fuel Card, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty requested a meeting with the Personnel Committee a month ago and would like one scheduled, Councilor Brude suggested next Wednesday at 8am. The city's litigation attorney is requesting a Closed Special Meeting with council Monday June 22, 2026, at 5:30pm at City Hall. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the Closed Special Meeting Monday June 22, 2026, at 5:30pm at city hall, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Brude worked 70.90 hours while Clerk Petty was on medical leave. Council needs to make a motion to pay him at the previous hourly rate of \$28.06, Councilor Day stated he should be paid at the current rate, Councilor Brude stated he would be ok with bumping it to \$30. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the \$30/hour pay for 70.90 hours Councilor Brude worked, Mayor Anderson seconded; motion carried. Councilor Brude abstained. Mayor Anderson asked for an update on the backyard sewer project. Bollig Engineering has the easements that need to be corrected. Eli will contact Bollig and check on the status.

New Business: The Maple River Chamber of Commerce dropped off some information in April and asked if Council was interested in joining the Chamber. There was some discussion, Council decided to wait until there was a full council before deciding. Our attorney finished the lease for

the warming house with MN Pheasants Inc. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the lease agreement with MN Pheasants Inc, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Misc. Business: Clerk Petty has received an increase in complaints regarding loose dogs. There has been a increase in dogs in town. Residents are not coming in and registering their dogs. We do have a fair number of residents that do license them, however new residents are not. Clerk Petty has sent letters to new residents with the dog license application stating there is no fee. There was some discussion regarding a camper that has been on the road right-of-way for a few years and is not operable. Mayor Anderson read a comment regarding the community comment section of the meeting and there should be no conversation regarding the comment unless it's a simple request or comment. This will allow the council to review and make an informed decision. Councilor Day asked if there was a response to the letter that was sent to Mike Drummer, there was not.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer