

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
March 9, 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, and Jim Day were present. Councilor Jon Brude 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-F as listed on the agenda. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes February 9 and February 23, 2026
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18735 to CK #18773, EFT #56999 to #57018, Payroll EFT #500241 to #500246
- D. Mileage Reimbursements – Sue Petty, Brian Severns, Eli Depuydt
- E. Sheriff's Department – 61 Hours; animal complaint, assist, paper service, traffic stop, directed patrol, trespassing, suspicious vehicle

Fire Department – Chief Mitch Froehlich: 8 calls; 7 medical, 1 smoke investigation
Chief Froehlich introduced himself to council, gave an update on the calls for the month: 8 calls, 7 medical, 1 smoke investigation. Currently the fire department is actively pursuing a rescue truck and a tanker truck. They are looking to purchase a new F550 truck and mount an ambulance module on the chassis. He will let council know as more information is presented. The fire department is also looking to replace the 1990 tanker truck, which is a good candidate for a assistance of Fire fighter grant. If the grant opens and they qualify, they will pursue that funding. Chief Froehlich asked for council consent to approve new members James Stenzel and Dylan Doyen as of 2/17/2026 to the fire department. Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve the new fire fighters, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Community comments: None

Bollig Funding – Laura Ostlie, Funding Program Manager at Bollig was present to go over the funding options the city has and where the city is in terms of project funding. There are other options that come up throughout the year the city could apply for; however they usually have a very small window for applications, Laura presented council with Annual Funding Task Order 4, which gives Bollig the ability to review and apply for other funding options as they appear. This past week, Congressman Finstad's Congressional Directional Spending application opened. Laura worked with Clerk Petty to get approval to apply for this. Task Order 4 allows Bollig to start the application process with agreement from Clerk Petty. Mayor Anderson called for a

motion to Approve Task Order 4, Councilor Day made a motion to approve Task Order 4, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Streets Update/Water/Sewer Update– Eli and Brian attended the MWRA Conference. Updated Lead Service Lines are due this Friday, Eli found a few additional Lead Lines and submitted all the information to Bollig. Brian had enough hours in and renewed his water operator license. Eli took the class for his Class D wastewater license. He will take the test after he has been here for a year. At the water treatment facility, the pipes that need to be replaced have been replaced, and the pipes were braced up again. Quality Flow pulled a pump at the lift station that wasn't working and fixed it. When they went to put it back in there was ice around the fittings. They will install the pump when weather permits. Bids for the Geotechnical testing were completed, and Chosen Valley Testing came in at the lowest price. They will complete 7 test borings, 2 borings for the proposed water treatment plan and 5 for the proposed water distribution project. Mayor Anderson asked Eli to check with Mark Klema and make sure there will be enough room to put a wellhead and a treatment plant at the 530 Sherman location. Eli will continue to work on the sweeper and get it ready for use.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty talked to Chris Kennedy regarding the Pheasants Forever request to renovate the warming house and obtain a long-term lease agreement. Kennedy stated they need to put a proposal together to include what renovations they will be doing, if they want exclusive use of the warming house and how long they want the lease for. Once Kennedy receives this information, he will put a lease together. Clerk Petty suggested Pheasants Forever come to a meeting and present their proposal or drop off a proposal at city hall for review. Clerk Petty contacted LJP regarding Spring clean-up. The suggested dates are April 25, 2026, for a dumpster at city hall and either September 12 or October 3 for the curbside cleanup. There was discussion regarding mattress and appliances disposal, at this time, these items will not be allowed. Councilor Klammer made a motion to have Spring Cleanup April 25 for a dumpster and October 3, 2026, for curbside cleanup, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. The clerk will put a notice in the water bills and post on the city website, Facebook and at city hall. Currently we are sending out 32-25 water bills via email, Banyon has been contacted regarding the cost of adding the e-billing module, so far we haven't received a response. The bills going out the end of March will most likely be mailed. The Clerk will email the residents who receive e-billings to let them know water bills will all be mailed for the next month or 2. Victoria from MN Council of Governments will be in the office Monday and Wednesday starting March 30, 2026 from 8:30am -4pm to keep the office open. She will be able to receive payments, give receipts, process credit card payments and direct residents as needed. Jon will be posting payments, sending out utility bills. The clerk and Jon will discuss his hours and post them as soon as possible. Mayor Anderson asked how quickly funds from the 4M fund can be send to the bank account to cover the engineering fees for our project. Clerk Petty will contact 4M and report back. The auditors will be presenting May 11, 2026. Mayor Anderson asked some questions regarding the revenue budget and where certain revenue come from.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Misc. Business: none

Adjourn: Councilor Klammer made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer