

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
May 11, 2026

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:25pm 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, was present. Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor, and Brian Severns were 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 Klammer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes April 13, 2026
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18801 to CK #18833, EFT #57035E to #57053E, Payroll EFT #500253 to #500259
- D. Building Permits
- E. Reimbursement – Clerk/Treasurer Mileage
- F. Sheriff’s Department – 80 hours, 911 hangup, welfare check, paper service, animal complaint/bite, FD assist, parking complaint
- G. Fire Department – 7calls; 1 structure fire, 4 medical, 2 lift assists

Community comments: None

CarlsonSV – 2025 Audit Report – Paul Burkhardt presented the findings of the 2025 Audit Report. The financial opinion changed to an unmodified “clean” audit due the inclusion of the Fire Relief Actuarial Report. The Internal controls remain the same due to the size of the office staff. There were no compliance findings. Paul commended Clerk Petty on a job well done, including the preparation of the field study, and timely responses to audit inquiries. The city is continuing in a positive trend for governmental and business-type (sewer, water) reserves. Paul suggested the city continues to work on budgeting for revenues and investment income. There were a lot of unbudgeted expenses, however the excess in the revenue helped cover those. Paul did suggest the council review utility rates and increase the garbage and recycling rates as they are not fluid.

David Drown & Associates – Shannon Sweeney from David Drown & Associates works in public finance and helps city’s borrow funds for large projects. He has worked closely with Bollig. He explained the process of applying for short term funding to keep projects going until the PFA comes through. He works to bridge the gap between when the project is being designed and when the state and federal funding becomes available. He works with MN Rural Water funding and can assist in putting temporary funding together for the city until state and federal

funding comes through. Shannon will put together an analysis of the funding and what the city could potentially pay for the funding and present it back to council.

Streets Update – Peter’s striping will be back to go over the striping they did in town last year. Carr’s tree service had the lowest estimate for removing 5 trees from boulevard. There is an additional basswood tree that should be removed as well. The resident at the corner would also like the city to remove the remaining 2 healthy Basswoods so new trees can be replanted. After some discussion, council decided to not remove the healthy trees. Councilor Klammer made a motion to remove the 5 unhealthy trees for a total of \$4750, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. A resident asked if the city would put gravel down on Hiller Dr prior to putting the oil down so the road doesn’t get all full of washboards. Hiller Dr has not been maintained in the past few years. Mayor Anderson suggested Eli contact Peterson’s and have them haul some rock and grade Hiller Dr. Hiller Dr and Mielke will be oiled this year. City wide cleanup was a messy success. Both dumpsters were full.

Water/Sewer Update – No update

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty has completed the 3rd year of the MMCI and will be applying for her clerk certificate in November.

Resolution 2026-04 Transfer from 4M fund to the USBank account. Clerk Petty suggested the council approve at least \$200,000-\$300,000 to cover the bills that were submitted this month. This amount should cover costs until the LGA comes in. Councilor Klammer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 Transfer funds from 4M account to the General Fund in the amount of \$300,000, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Council asked if there has been any update on the old school. There has been no communication from Mike Drummer as of today. Councilor Day asked about Ordinance violations, unlicensed vehicles and property letters. Clerk Petty explained the hold up with the abatement process since city employees cannot go on private property and therefore it is very hard to prove a vehicle is inoperable.

New Business: Mayor Anderson asked about the lease agreement for the warming house. Clerk Petty will follow up.

Misc. Business: None

Adjourn: Councilor Day made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer