

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 12, 2025

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, Jon Brude, Amy Klammer and Jim Day were present. Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance, Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, and Brian Severns were present.

The pledge was recited, immediately followed by a moment of silence.

**Agenda:** Councilor Day made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

**Minutes:** Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

**Bills:** Check # 18452 to #18477, EFT#56846 to #56859, payroll EFT# 500168 to #500172, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills as listed, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**Presentation from Bollig Engineering:** Brandon Johnson from Bollig Engineering presented some background history of Bollig Engineering. Brandon stated Bollig Engineering is a small Engineering firm that specializes in cities of less than 5,000. They have departments that specialize in finding grants. He described the process of designing projects, funding, and final completion. He suggested the council ask other towns who have worked with Bollig Engineering how the process went. They do not charge for emails or phone calls. All costs are approved before a project is started. Council discussed the previous projects and how they went and what future projects are needed. Brandon stated he works closely with the city until the project is completed. He explained the process of getting a full needs assessment of what the city's needs are. At the close of his presentation, he offered his assistance regardless of whether the city goes with Bollig Engineering or not.

**Community comments:** None

**Sheriff's Department** – Deputy Hagen. Directed patrol, civil, warrant service, assist, alarm, trespassing, welfare check, MVA, animal complaint, parking, Ordinance violation. Deputy Hagen discussed some Ordinance issues that he can help with and those that he cannot, and the city would need to deal with. He can deal with parking violations but cannot help with enforcing yard violations. He explained the process Mapleton uses to enforce yard violations; however, their police department handles the ordinance violations. Mayor Anderson asked what the city can do regarding the fuel tanks in the ground at the Dakota Mart, Deputy Hagen suggested the city contact the MPCA and report it. Council discussed animal complaints and what the Deputy can do regarding this. Deputy Hagen stated the Sheriff's department doesn't take animals as there is no place to take them. Councilor Day asked for clarification on the start and stop times

the deputies are patrolling the city. Deputy Hagen explained the information he sends at the end of each month that states the call and time.

**Fire Department** – 9 Calls: 2 medical, 1 odor investigation, 5 grass fires, 1 MVA. Aaron Barnard applied for grants for the Fire Department to replace radios. They received 2 grants for \$2500.00. Resolution 2025-03 grant from Benco Electric for \$2500 and Resolution 2025-04 grant from Crystal Valley for \$2500. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 and 2025-04, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

**Streets Update** – Council welcomed Eli Depuydt as the new City Maintenance Supervisor. He has been busy sweeping streets, getting the mower ready for the season. Brian has been working with Eli on reading water meters, getting familiar with what all the position entails. He stated the international truck needs some “TLC” and he will be working on that as time allows. He contacted Ponderosa landfill regarding the sweepings; they charge \$5 a ton if we haul. He would like to get all that cleaned up. He will work on getting the concrete pile hauled out as well. Brian Severns reported someone light up the burn pile over the weekend, possibly Saturday night. Mayor Anderson asked Eli to see if he can get the shrubs out by Bell Tower Park and work on making that a usable space again. Councilor Day asked if the city sprays for weeds down at the ballfield and stated the ballfield needs some work. There are fences that need repair. Eli will check into this. Discussion continued what to do with the ballfield and what are possible options. Mayor Anderson asked if the Pheasant’s Forever was going to redo the old warming house by the Thunder Valley Park. At this time, it doesn’t look like they will be remodeling it. Council suggested having a meeting and asking the public what they would like to see down at the ballfield.

Councilor Brude made a motion to approve building permit GT-02-25, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Update** – Brian and Eli will be flushing the water mains May 14-15, 2025. Brian submitted the testing samples for the pond discharge and received a report showing the phosphorus level was down to .67prm and .74prm respectively. The farm water is open for the season. Brian received information regarding the building for the phosphorus pump. He suggested an 18x18 on pilons that has a roll up door and a man door that opens out. Mayor Anderson asked if the easements for the extension of the Halladay backyard sewer project have been received. Clerk Petty stated she keeps contacting Ferrell Gas and has not gotten the easements back yet. She will contact Dick’s Locker and Ferrell Gas again. Councilor Day stated a resident approached him asking if a permit was done for some work that a resident had completed. Eli will talk to the residents and ask them to complete a permit application. There was a resident with questions regarding her water bill, Brian and Eli pulled a daily log and met with the resident and explained the usage. Councilor Day reiterated residents need to be directed to contact city hall or come to a council meeting to discuss issues with their water bills.

**Unfinished Business:** Mayor Anderson asked the reporter for the Maple River Messenger if they do interviews with new businesses in town and welcome them. Rachael from the Messenger stated she will contact the business and ask for an interview.

Administrative Fines Ordinance – Clerk Petty reached out to Mapleton and other area towns regarding administrative fines and asked the city attorney to create an ordinance for review. Council suggested a special meeting be scheduled to review the ordinance, council decided to have a special council meeting May 21, 2025, at 5pm for Administrative Fines Ordinance and Cannabis Ordinance discussion.

**New Business:** M&M sent information regarding the property insurance for the city and asked the council to review the equipment and verify everything that is listed. Council noted the generator at the ponds is not listed and asked if the tractor, sweeper and lawn mower are covered on the shed equipment portion or if they need to be listed separately. Clerk Petty will contact M&M and add the equipment as needed.

Council Klammer shared a flyer from Avery Bergemann lawn care service with council and stated there are business cards as well.

**Misc. Business:** Clerk Petty presented Council with Mileage reimbursement for April/May 2025 in the amount of \$161.70 for bank runs and MMCI travel, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the clerk's mileage reimbursement, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Special Council Meeting May 21, 2025, at 5pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting June 9, 2025, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer