

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

November 12, 2024

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, Tom Froehlich & Jon Brude were present. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, and Brian Severns were present. Raece Johnson, City Maintenance was absent.

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

Agenda: Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Minutes: Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the October 8, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes with the following correction on page 2 “\$10,000 contingency withholding on the phosphorus pumps to ensure the project has been completed properly”, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Bills: Check # 18278 to #18305, EFT#56753 to #56766, payroll EFT# 500131 to 500136, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Community comments: A resident asked about the future of the ballfield and the potential of a tennis court or pickle ball court in the area, who decides what and where to build these. Mayor Anderson and Councilor Brude stated nothing has been decided, in the future if/when talks resume, there will be community involvement.

Sheriff’s Department – 72 hours; assist, civil, animal bite, paper service, welfare check, fraud, suspicious person, harassment, warrant service.

Fire Department – 10 calls: 1 gas leak, 1 grass/field fire, 1 list assist, 3 medical, 2 mutual aid, 1 vehicle fire 1 MVA

Streets Update – Raece was not present to give an update. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve building permit GT-13-24 and GT-14-24, Councilor Klammer seconded.

Water/Sewer Update – Brian went through the compliance evaluation from MPCA. There were no surprises. There were no compliance issues with the record keeping on time reporting, or calibration of testing equipment. 3 limit violations due to the flooding. The I & I evaluation plan was submitted late, the city completed their portion and send it to Bolton & Menk for completion, it was due November 2022 and was not submitted until March 2023. Due to the extreme rain in June the city had to do an out of the permitted period. The limit for the phosphorus is 224 kg per year and the city was at 247.6kg. With the installation of the phosphorus pumps the last discharge was treated and the phosphorus level was 1.45 parts per million, very little. There are 3 steps that need to be completed within 30 days of receipt of the compliance evaluation: 1. Submit the I&I evaluation plan, this has been submitted. 2. Submit

documentation of the steps the city has taken or will take to be in compliance with permit, Brian will be sending this in. 3. If there are any violations over the limit in the future, Brian will need to submit a letter stating what is being done to correct this for future. Mayor Anderson asked how many gallons were used to treat the last discharge, Brian stated he used 300 gallons when transferring to the secondary pond. Raece is still waiting for parts for the fence and the transformer for the ponds. Brian stated the floats were not working correctly at the ponds recently and Quality Flow came out to readjust.

Presentation from ISG – Michael Novitzki, Kyle Renneke and Bill Karels presented some background about ISG. Explained how they work with communities, what sets them apart from other engineering firms. They have several departments that can help during transitions. They pride themselves in not “overbuilding” projects. Some discussion on previous projects the city has completed, and future projects were discussed by council, Michael and his team offered their assistance to be a resource for the city if needed.

Brian Severns stated the city needs to do some exploratory work in the northwest part of town where there are 3 additional pipes running into the sanitary sewer that could be connected to field tile leading some of the I&I issue. The fence line around the ponds needs to be free of weeds and a mower width mowed around the outside of the fence.

Unfinished Business – Mayor Anderson asked for an update on the Dakota Mart and where we are at in trying to collect the debt owed to the city. Clerk Petty will review with Chris Kennedy and report back to council in December. Council asked Clerk Petty to send Dakota Mart a letter regarding the stuff around the outside of the Dakota Mart, old gas pumps and stucco falling off the building that should be cleaned up and fixed.

New Business – Employee reviews were done in October; the personnel committee suggested a 1.5% raise. Councilor Froehlich stated employees have met expectations and should receive a 2% raise. Mayor Anderson asked how the personnel committee will convey the employee reviews to the rest of council. Councilor Froehlich stated a closed meeting should be held to go over the reviews and the raises will be retro to the review date in October.

The agreement with St. Joseph’s church for the use of the land for the city park is up for renewal. Council asked Clerk Petty to have Chris Kennedy review. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to sign the agreement with St. Joseph’s Church contingent upon attorney review, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Canvassing of the election - Mayor Anderson read the voting summary: Mayor- Robert Anderson received 187 votes, there were 38 write ins. Councilor: Amy Klammer received 207 votes, there were 51 write ins with Jim Day receiving 26 write in votes. Councilor Brude made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-18 Certifying election results and declaring the results of the November 5, 2024, general election, electing Robert Anderson, Mayor 2-year term, Amy Klammer and Jim day Councilors for a 4-year term, Councilor Froehlich seconded, motion carried.

Misc. Business: Mayor Anderson asked for clarification on his power to vote. Councilor Brude stated the mayor in a weak-mayor council, the mayor votes, but does not make a motion or second a motion. Councilor Froehlich asked about a hunter who was hunting by the ponds over the weekend. The hunter stated he received permission from a previous employer. Councilor Froehlich clarified there is no hunting, trapping of any kind on city property, employees of the city or the council do not have permission to give that permission.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Froehlich seconded, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting and TNT Meeting Dec. 9, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer