GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
October 12, 2026

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at City Hall at 130 S Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors Scott Stoltzman, Amy Klammer, Jon Brude and Jim Day were present. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, was present.

Mayor Anderson called for a vote to suspend the open meeting and open up the closed special council meeting pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.05 re: attorney/client privilege; Councilor Day made a motion to close the open meeting and open the Closed Special Council Meeting re: attorney/client privilege, Councilor Brude seconded motion carried. Regular meeting was suspended at 6:10.

Council went into closed session with city attorney Julie Fleming-Wolfe re: Helleksen Litigation

The closed session was adjourned at 7:02 pm and the regular council meeting was called back to order by Mayor Anderson. Brian Severns, Water Superintendent and Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor, joined the meeting.

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

Mayor Anderson called for a motion under the advice of our attorney: Councilor Day made a motion to accept the city attorney Julie Fleming-Wolfe's advice on how address the courts post-trial order; Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-H 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 September
C. Approval of Bills: CK #18960 to CK #18985, EFT #57143 to #57154, Payroll EFT #500296 to 500303
D. Resolutions accepting donations – 2026-10 Crystal Valley Donation to FD
E. Reimbursements – Clerk Petty, Andrew Meyer, Gregg Schonek, Brian Severns
F. Building Permit-GT26-11
G. Sheriff's Department – 101 hours – Assist Ambulance, Harassment, Animal Complaint, Directed Patrol, Welfare Check, Theft, Traffic Stop
H. Fire Department – 11 calls – 1 MVA, 9 Medical, 1 assist law enforcement

Community comments: None

Streets Update – Resident Jim Prom was present to answer questions regarding his building permit GT-26-10. The backyard will be between 6-8ft tall, the sides 4-5ft tall. Council

questioned where the fence would be located on the property line, Jim stated he will be up to but not on the property line. Per Ordinance the back of the fence can only be 6ft tall, however Jim has a corner lot, there really isn't a back yard, there are 2 front yards. The fence will not be in front of the house. The side fence will be 3ft behind the retaining wall. The neighbor's gas line runs through his property, so he has been in contact with Northwest Gas to move the line off his property. Until that is done, he cannot start his fence. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve building permit GT26-10, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Eli and Kellon would like to put up more signage at the Archery Park and compost pile. The signs for the compost pile would include information regarding authorized dumping for GT residents only, dump in designated areas, list of prohibited materials. The signs for the Archery Park would like the rules and state it is open to the public. The Fire Department has a door latch that fell apart and cannot be repaired. There are 2 doors that need to have updated latches on them. Eli presented 2 quotes for the mechanisms for both doors, Kendell Doors & Hardware LLC was $2900, and the quote from South Central Glass was $3680. Mayor Anderson asked about getting a quote from VET Glass in Winnebago. Eli will call them and get a quote as well. Mayor Anderson called for a vote regarding the door mechanisms, Councilor Scott made a motion to approve up to $3000 to fix the doors, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. The Int'l plow truck box is rusted out, Eli brought it to IFS to get a quote for a liner. 10-gauge steel came in at $1390 and on 3/16 steel was $1720. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid for $1390, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. The Tornado Siren sounded weak during the monthly testing. Eli worked with Eric Weller to get a contractor out to fix it. Going forward Eli will be setting up yearly inspections and maintenance on the tornado siren. F450 needs new front tires. The city can get the state contract price from D&K in Lake Crystal; he will get them installed before the snow comes. The master cylinder and headliner for the sweeper were replaced. Road for the storage units has not been done yet. Eli has been working on the inventory for the gate valves; he would like to get an exerciser for them and will start doing yearly exercising and inspection of them. He was able to locate all the manholes on the East sewer main that runs through the woods. Two of them need to have risers installed so they are at grade. Once the corn is out of the fields, he will start working on this. All the hydrants were checked for leaks using Aqua Scope from rural water; no leaks were found.

Water/Sewer Update – Brian has been transferring water to the 2nd pond. New chlorine pump injector was installed at the water treatment plant. Brian attended MWOA section meeting in St. Charles. He received 6 direct hours for this license. The spring discharge the phosphorus was less than 1 part per million. The I&I has gone down, which shows the work the city has done is making a difference. With the new water meters, leaks are being found early, and residents can fix them.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty presented council with proposals for fiber internet and VOIP from Fidium for the city shop and city all. The phone at city hall has not been working properly for over a month. The quotes will lower the monthly cost by $100. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the proposals for Fiber internet and VOIP from Fidium, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Carlson SV sent a quote for a Utility Rate Study. This was brought up during the audit, and the city was interested in pursuing this. The cost will range

between $3000-$5000, should be completed in 3 months. This study will give a better direction when increasing rates and show exactly where the need for the increase lies. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the Utility Rate Study by Carlson SV, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Employee health insurance will be renewed in January. The cost will increase $296.92; the deductible will also increase by $500/year. She talked to Chad Osterman at M&M Insurance and found a comparable plan to what the city offers currently. This plan would be an increase of $338.94/month, and the deductible would stay the same. After some discussions, Mayor Anderson called for a motion. Councilor Brude made a motion to enroll in the $6400 deductible single coverage at $2359.42/month, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. The dental coverage increased $.50/month, and the vision coverage went down $.17/month. The TNT meeting will be scheduled Dec 14 at 7pm. The background check for Dylan Doyen came back, once he completes his drug screen, he will be able to start whenever Eli needs him. I have completed the requirements for the MCMC and will submit the application for certification November 1st.

Unfinished Business: Clerk will be out on leave November 18-the end of 2026. Sue asked for clarification on coverage and pay while she is out. Councilor Brude will be paid the same hourly rate as last time, which was $30/hour. He will be at city hall approximately 4-5 hours, 2 days a week.

New Business: None

Misc. Business: None

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer