

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
October 14, 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. Raece Johnson, 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 Brude made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

**Minutes:** Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve September 9, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

**Bills:** Check # 18236 to #18277, EFT#56732 to #56752, payroll EFT# 500119E to 500130E, Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

**Community comments:** Resident Maureen Spear asked if there was anything the council can help with in getting the rental inspection reports back. It has been several months, and she has not received any report. Clerk Petty said she would call Jude Schultz regarding the results.

**Sheriff's Department** – 60 hours. Assist other law enforcement, paper service, theft, civil, disturbance, suspicious person, directed patrol

**Fire Department** – 8 calls: 8 medical. Pancake Breakfast Oct 27 9am-noon

**Streets Update** – Fence for the ponds is getting wired and ready to go. Gate has been installed. Chambers is ready to continue the sanitary sewer project behind Dick's Locker. Clerk Petty stated the easements are ready for signatures. Mayor Anderson stated there are 2 outlets for the sanitary sewer behind Dick's Locker that will need to be plugged once the new sewer line has been installed. Building Permit GT-10-24 was submitted after the project was started; GT-11-24, GT-12-24 were also submitted. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve all 3 building permits, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson abstained.

**Water/Sewer Update** – Brian Severns reported the float meter is not working correctly, there is reverse flow being reported. He has contacted the company and is waiting for a response. MPCA inspection Oct 24 at 9am, not expecting any surprises. We have a plan in place to help with the increase of phosphorus. The fence around the ponds will be getting put back together. The phosphorus pumps are working, and chemicals have been injected during the transfer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> pond. The city may not need to have an eyewash station at the pumps, the city can get an eyewash kit and have it on hand when working with the pumps. The city will wait until spring to discuss putting up a building around the pumps or similar structure if needed.

Joe Smith from Bolton & Menk was present to give an update on the progress and challenges of the phosphorus pumps, and backyard sanitary sewer project. There will be a \$10,000 contingency withholding on the phosphorus pumps to ensure the project has been completed properly. The minimum around the tank would be a rain shield, a building would be ideal, but not required. Halladay St. backyard sanitary sewer project has been completed. They will be working on getting grass to grow in that area. Mayor Anderson stated there is a manhole that was installed seem to be up a little high, he suggested marking it this fall for winter and filling them in next spring. Mayor Anderson asked if there was any televising done up to the houses when the new sewer lines were installed. Joe didn't think so, but he will check with the project head and get back to council. Mayor Anderson wanted to make sure the funds were taken out of the sewer fund to pay for the phosphorus pump and the Halladay backyard sanitary sewer project.

**Unfinished Business:** Resolution 2024-16 raising the utility rates; Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16, Councilor Froehlich seconded; motion carried. Resolution 2024-17 changing to monthly billing starting February 1, 2025; Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty stated the city will need to be a little lenient during the transition period. Mayor Anderson asked if there is a way to pay automatically, Clerk Petty stated that can be done through PSN. The city is out of postcards for the utility bills, she would like to just use regular paper going forward, Council agreed, no motion was needed. Chris Kennedy went through the ordinances and put together a list of ordinances that should be reviewed and either updated or removed. Council decided to have a separate meeting to discuss the ordinances. Council Froehlich made a motion to schedule a special meeting November 12, 2024, at 6pm to discuss the Ordinance updates, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty presented council with an updated Personnel Policy that she worked on with Victoria Potts from MNCOG, after review and discussion, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the updated Personnel Policy, Councilor Froehlich seconded; motion carried. Discussion was had on changing the Personnel Committee back to 2 members instead of the full council. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to change the Personnel Committee back to 2 members which would be Councilor Brude and Mayor Anderson, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

**New Business:** Mayor Anderson asked for an update on Dakota Mart. Clerk Petty will reach out to Chris Kennedy and report back to council. There was lengthy discussion on what will happen to the Dakota Mart and the fuel tanks.

**Misc. Business:** Renewing the liquor and tobacco licenses for the Thunder Bar & Restaurant and Red Iron Mercantile. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve the renewal contingent upon approval from the state, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson abstained.

The Xcel Franchise Ordinance renewal will be up in March 2025. A representative from Xcel met with Clerk Petty last week regarding the renewal. Discussion regarding a franchise fee was had, council decided to table the discussion until a later date.

Clerk Petty reached out to Mike Drummer for an update on the old school. He is planning to start the remodel this winter.

TNT meeting needs to be scheduled for December. Councilor Brude made a motion to schedule the TNT meeting December 9, 2024, at the start of the regular council meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Council asked about the canvassing meeting after the election. Clerk Petty stated the meeting will need to be scheduled November 13-15, 2024 MCFOA conference is scheduled for March 18-21, 2025. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to have Clerk Petty attend again, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Clerk Petty presented a mileage reimbursement form for approval. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the mileage reimbursement, councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Clerk Petty asked for approval to purchase candy for Halloween for the daycare children.

Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve Clerk Petty picking up candy for Halloween, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Council reviewed information from Rep. Olson regarding the bonding bill for Good Thunder. Rep. Olson will reach out to Good Thunder when the bonding bill is being discussed to inquire about a lower amount requested if need be.

MN Rural Water is having a free one-day event November 13 in St. Cloud regarding Financing your Community Projects. Clerk Petty would like to go to learn more about applying for funding for infrastructure projects. Councilor Froehlich made a motion to approve Clerk Petty and a councilor member to attend the meeting in St. Cloud, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Councilor Froehlich asked about the remodel of the City Hall Garage, this project is on the list for 2025 projects.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Closed Personnel Meeting October 21, 2024, at 3:30pm

Special meeting November 12, 2024, at 6pm to discuss Ordinance updates

Next Regular Council Meeting November 12, 2024, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer