GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
September 14, 2026

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, Jon Brude and Jim Day were present. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor were present. Brian Severns was 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-F as listed on the agenda. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

a. Approval of Agenda
b. Approval of Minutes August and September budget workshop
c. Approval of Bills: CK #18934 to CK #18959, EFT #57119 to #57142, Payroll EFT #500284 to #500295
d. Building permits GT 26-07, GT 26-08, GT 26-09
e. Reimbursements – Brian Severns, Mitch Froehlich, Eli Depuydt
f. Sheriff's Department – 116 Hours; traffic stop, directed patrol, theft, assist, animal complaint, HRO Service, welfare check, Harassment, suspicious Circumstance
g. Fire Department – 11 calls; 6 medical, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 rubbish fire, 1 assist law enforcement, 1 high angle rescue.

Community comments: None

Streets Update – Eli reported he completed repairs to the F450, replaced ball joints and u-joints. The International box is rusting through; he is working on getting bids for lining the box. The manhole in the alley behind the bar has been replaced. However, it is a little soft due to the rain. He will wait until next year to resurface the alley. Rural Water was in town last week to do some leak detecting. At this time there are no known leaks before the water meters. There are a few known leaks in town, however the residents are not concerned with fixing them. Mayor Anderson asked about the amount of non-revenue water in the city. Non-revenue water is water at the city shop, city hall, water the fire department uses, etc. The road to the storage units is still in process. Peterson's will be constructing the road.

Water/Sewer Update – In Brian's absence, Eli reported the lead service line update has been submitted to MN Dept of health. Hydrants were flushed last week, the filters at the water treatment facility were backwashed and exercised all the valves.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty presented council with Resolution 2026-08 Approving the proposed tax levy and Resolution 2026-09 Approving the proposed budget for 2027. The levy is projected to increase 10.59%. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 and Resolution 2026-09, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Petty presented

Resolution 2026-07 Authorizing the interfund loan for $141,000 to cover the cost of the fire truck. This need is due to the $500,000 Rural Water loan that is on hold due to the litigation. Councilor Brude explained the general fund is very low, and he is concerned that we will have enough to finish the year. Clerk Petty is still in contact with Shannon Sweeney regarding the funding and keeping him informed. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. The phone at city hall has been having issues for the past 3 weeks at least. Residents can call in; however, they cannot hear Petty. Petty has posted on the city's website, Facebook page and sent out a text notification stating the issue. There is caller ID and she returns calls when someone calls in. It's not ideal, but it works for now. She will check what phone options are available. Clerk Petty put together the current garbage/recycling rates, and the city is losing roughly $5000-$6,000 a year. To come out even, the city will need to raise the rates approximately 12%. Council discussed raising the rates in October, however this will not give residents any notice. Clerk Petty suggested council wait until January and increase all the rates then. Clerk Petty suggested council set up a meeting time to discuss increasing rates for water and sewer as well. The city received a letter from Mike Drummer regarding the old school.

Unfinished Business: none

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 7:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer