

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

September 9, 2024

Acting Mayor Tom Froehlich 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 were present. Mayor Robert Anderson was absent. Raece Johnson, City Maintenance, was present via Zoom, Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer was present, Brian Severns was absent.

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

Agenda: Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2024-15 Proposed Levy, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Minutes: Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the August 12 and August 27, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Bills: Check # 18212 to #18235, EFT#56722 to #56732, payroll EFT# 50115E to 50118E, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty asked Council for approval to submit the bill for \$3600 to Xcel for reimbursement for the damage to the sewer line caused by the placement of a power pole. Council gave approval.

Community comments: A resident asked if there was an ordinance or policy regarding walking during night hours in town. There is a curfew for minors, however, there is no curfew or ordinance for adults who want to walk at night.

Sheriff's Department – 60 hours: Fireworks, disturbance, criminal damage, civil, animal complaint/bite, suspicious circumstance, harassment, directed patrol.

Fire Department – 6 calls: 1 car accident, 1 medical/rescue, 1 lift assist, 2 medical, 1 mutual aid

Streets Update – Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Building Permits GT-07-24, GT-08-24, GT-09-24, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Backyard Sanitary Sewer update – sanitary sewer construction is complete; contractor will finish the surfacing work this week. Bolton and Menk are working on drawing up the easement descriptions to extend the 8” sanitary sewer main 200’ to the south. The title reports are for 120 N Front St, 134 N Front St and the additional property owned by Dick Poehler. Raece submitted a bid for asphalt patching for Middle St, Main St, Miner St and Shaubut and Ewing St intersection from WW Blacktopping for \$10700. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid from WW Blacktopping for asphalt patching, councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Raece submitted a bid from Nielsen Blacktopping for \$17,000 for mastic crack sealing on various areas around town. Raece has marked these areas with white paint. Raece explained this bid is a do not exceed amount. Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve the bid from Nielsen Blacktopping in the amount of \$17,000, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Raece also submitted a bid from Empire Pipe for \$4,750 for the repair of the manhole infiltration and inflow by the ponds that

needs repair. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid from Empire Pipe for \$4750, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Water/Sewer Update – Raece met with the contractor for the Phosphorus Treatment pumps to finalize the layout. The contractor will be installing the tank, pumps, cabinet and conduit at the end of this week or over the weekend if needed. The initial testing will be Monday September 16, 2024.

Unfinished Business: Employee Reviews – Council decided to have 2 reviews a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. After some discussion on dates, the Personnel Committee will meet October 21, 2024 at 3:30pm followed by employee reviews.

Resolution 2024-13 – Good Thunder Day’s Committee donation of \$4256.14 that was received in 2022. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Resolution 2024-14 – Withdraw matured CD from MinnStar Bank and deposit in Sewer Fund. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Resolution 2024-15 – Approving the Proposed Tax Levy Collectible in 2025 of \$371,278.00. Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Clerk Petty presented a few CD options from 4M Fund, currently the money is earning more interest in the savings account than it would in a CD. The council decided to leave the funds where they are and review them again at the next council meeting.

Bonding Project – The council needs to try and decide what the minimum amount the city would need to complete the project. Council asked Clerk Petty to reach out to Rep. Olson again and get some more clarification. The water treatment facility and wellhead should be the top priority. The Ordinance Committee has not met for over a year. At this time, Clerk Petty asked if the council wanted to start this again. The council asked Clerk Petty to reach out to the city’s attorney and provide a list of Ordinances that need to be updated and bring to October meeting. Clerk Petty asked the council how they want to handle snowbird requests for water shutoffs. Last year there were a few that requested the water be shut off at the curb. Right now, there is no ordinance regarding this so there would be a \$75 shut off fee and \$75 turn on fee. Council asked Clerk Petty to present a Resolution at the October meeting to update the Fee Schedule to include verbiage regarding snowbirds and instead of charging a shutoff fee and turn on fee they would be charged the monthly contingency fee.

New Business: Copier is outdated, Clerk Petty presented information to council regarding the State Program for a new copier. To buy a new copier would be \$4749.00 or monthly \$102.34 for 5 years. Maintenance agreement, city is billed per page, they provide the toner, staples, etc. Council decided to wait until the copier stops working and then purchase a copier on the state contract.

When does the council want to start the monthly billing for utilities. Discussion on when to start monthly billing and how to get the word out to residents took place. Clerk Petty will send out a notice to all residents explaining the increase and why. Council will work with residents to set up payment plans if needed during the transition period. Council asked Clerk Petty to bring a resolution to the next council meeting.

Fidium Fiber was installed in town, Clerk Petty would like to preorder installation for city hall, council agreed it is a good idea to try and get better internet

Misc. Business: Clerk Mileage – Council Brude made a motion to approve the mileage reimbursement for Clerk Petty, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Adjourn: Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Next Regular Council Meeting October 14, 2024, at 7pm

Personnel Committee Meeting October 21, 2024, at 3:30pm followed by employee reviews.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer