

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING & TNT MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting
December 8, 2025

Mayor Robert Anderson called the TNT meeting to order at 7:00pm at City Hall at 130 S. Ewing Street in Good Thunder, MN 56037. Councilors Scott Stoltzman, Jon Brude, Amy Klammer, and Jim Day were present. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer and Eli Depuydt, Maintenance Supervisor, were present. Brian Severns was absent.

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

Mayor Anderson called for any community comments regarding the proposed levy and budget. There were no residents present for comments. The Council proposed a 0% tax increase. There was a discussion on the budget numbers and tax valuations for residential properties and commercial properties. Mayor Anderson stated apartment complexes that are listed as low-income, received a 63% decrease in their property tax. Which means the residents of Good Thunder must cover the difference. Councilor Klammer stated residents should go to Blue Earth County and contest the rise in taxes, some residents may get their taxes lowered, however there is no guarantee. Councilor Brude made a motion to pass Resolution 2025-15 Approving Tax Levy Collectible in 2026 and 2025-16 Resolution Adopting 2026 Budget, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Mayor Anderson called for a motion to close the Truth and Taxation meeting, Councilor Brude made a motion to close the TNT meeting, Councilor Day seconded, motion carried. TNT Meeting closed at 7:09pm.

Mayor Anderson opened the Regular Council Meeting

Consent Agenda: Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-E 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 from November Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18662 to CK #18682, EFT #56955 to #56968, Payroll EFT #500222 to #500228, Payroll CK # 3801 to 3826
- D. Reimbursements -Clerk Mileage
- E. Sheriff's Department – 64 Hours: directed patrol, Damage to Property, disorderly/nuisance, suspicious circumstance, civil, traffic stop, animal complaint

Community comments: None

Fire Department – Fire Chief Phil Klammer and Treasurer Dylan Brunz were present. Dylan explained the request to increase annual benefit for vested eligible members from \$2,500 to \$3,000. This increase is well funded with the relief account as calculated by the State Auditors worksheet SC-25. The relief association has maintained a zero required city contribution for

many years. To be fully vested, fire fighters need to have 20 years of service, 50% vested with 10 years of service. Once approved the Fire Department bylaws will be updated and turned into the state. Mayor Anderson called for a vote, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the \$500 increase in the annual benefit for vested eligible members, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Councilor Stoltzman and Councilor Klammer abstained. Chief Klammer read the calls for December: 1 assist law enforcement, 1 medical, 1 vehicle accident, 1 rescue (rope rescue for a dog on a bluff). There were 91 calls from December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025, 50 training sessions, and 12 meetings. The need to update the 1996 Rescue truck was discussed. New trucks are running over \$500,000. Chief Klammer stated our community would benefit from a used truck that would cost approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000. The Rescue truck goes out on every call, it contains medical supplies, and extra gear and has an area for an injured person to sit while an ambulance is enroute. The current rescue truck is nearing its end of use. Chief Klammer explained the process of finding a rescue truck. The fire department would enlist a jockey that will begin to look for a truck, these trucks are gone within a few days of being up for sale. The jockey would alert the chief and with prior approval from council, the fire department would be able to purchase a newer rescue truck. The cost is shared with the townships. Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the purchase of a used rescue truck not to exceed \$250,000, Councilor Day made a motion to approve up to \$250,000 for the purchase of a used rescue truck, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Chief Klammer reminded council that Santa Clause will be at the Fire Hall this Saturday Dec 13 from 12:00-12:30pm. The annual Fire Department meeting will be held February 3, 2026. The city received a \$75,000 donation from the gambling association to help offset the cost. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 accepting the Fire Department donation of \$75,000, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Streets Update – Eli has been out plowing with the recent snow. The red rock that was put on the streets when they seal coated is eating up the cutting edges on the plow. Crysteel recommended the city purchase carbide cutting edges, they are more expensive, but they last a lot longer. Eli contacted the city worker from Winnebago, and they use the carbide cutting edges and have been using the same set since 2018. The cost for the carbide cutting edges is \$2950.00. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the purchase of the carbide cutting edges for the plow, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Eli would like to build a bracket to help load and unload the sander into the back of the truck, the total cost would be approximately \$300. The sander is working well, the rate control issue has been resolved, new batteries for the International were purchased and put in. The sweeper has been winterized and when time permits, he will start doing some work on that. Bauer Built put on the new tires for the tractor. The concrete curb and sidewalks have all been finished. Safe Step also finished their work. The shed at the ponds has been finished, however there are a few punch list items that need to be addressed with the builder before final payment. Council agreed it would be a good idea to finish concreting the floor of the shed next summer. Councilor Day suggested Eli may want to start looking for a replacement for the international plow truck. Mayor Anderson thanked Eli for putting the interior back together in the International.

Water/Sewer Update – In Brian’s absence, Eli stated Brian has completed the final discharge, the phosphorous numbers were extremely good. The pumps were reinstalled and the transfer to the secondary pond has been completed. There was another fault with the high service pump on the morning of November 15. Another loose wire at the motor contactor was found, the wire was reconnected and there have been no faults since.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty and Jon met with Paul from Burkhardt & Burkhardt and worked on a spreadsheet to move funds within the general fund to balance the budget. These are line items that are over budget, the city is still within its budget. Upon council approval, the clerk will complete the process in Banyon. Mayor Anderson asked if the clerk has moved money into the 4M Fund as previously discussed. Councilor Brude explained the process of moving money either to the 4M Fund or within our General Fund into a Capital Reserve Account labeled for whatever council wants to earmark it for. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the spreadsheet to balance the line items in the General Fund, and approve moving \$200,000, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty will present a resolution to council at the January 2026 council meeting to move funds into the 4M Fund. Clerk Petty and Eli were working with Eric Weller on the BEC Hazard Mitigation Plan. Resolution 2025-17 to accept the BEC Hazard Mitigation Plan, Councilor Day made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. The MCFOA Conference is scheduled for March 24-27, 2026, the Clerk would like to attend again. Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the clerk’s attendance at the MCFOA Conference, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. A business inquired about a registration for Low Potency Hemp retailer, per our attorney, there is nothing the city needs to do at this point.

Unfinished Business: Clerk Petty is meeting with Victoria from MN COG to update the Personnel Policy with the changes/updates from the Personnel Committee.

New Business: The TV in chambers is not working; it doesn’t turn on. Eli has looked at it as well. The Clerk is asking council for approval to purchase another TV for under \$500. Clerk Petty would like to replace the office chair. There are some nuts/bolts missing or stripped out, and the back does not stay in one position. Council advised the clerk to review, try out and purchase a new office chair.

Misc. Business: Councilor Brude stated prior to the council meeting, Calvin Baarts stopped in and asked about extending the road by the storage units as he would like to build another row of storage sheds. Mayor Anderson asked about any movement in opening the garage area in city hall. No specs have been completed and sent to the city. Mayor Anderson stated the oldest resident in Good Thunder turned 103 today. The council wished Georgine Anderson a happy birthday!

Adjourn: Mayor Anderson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting January 12, 2026, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer