

GOOD THUNDER PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes of the Meeting
July 14, 2025

Mayor Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:38pm 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. Eli Depuydt, 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 Day made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Minutes: Councilor Brude made a motion to approve June 9, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes, and Public Hearing Minutes and June 16, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Bills: Check #18505 to #18535, EFT #56875 to #56892, Payroll EFT #500180 to #500187. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the bills as listed, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

Community comments: Resident Mr. John Lillis read 5 questions regarding safety inspections. Mayor Anderson stated the council will take it under advisement.

Sheriff's Department – 70 hours. Assist, civil, Welfare check, animal bite/complaint, assist ambulance, parking, directed patrol, disturbance, damage to property, driving complaint. Mayor Anderson acknowledged Lieutenant Philips from Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department who was present and thanked them for their service and in patrolling the town.

Fire Department – Chief Klammer – 10 calls; 1 grass fire, 1 lift assist, 6 medicals, 2 MVA. The Fire Department made a donation of \$20,000 to the city of Good Thunder. Resolution 2025-07 \$20,000 Donation from Good Thunder Fire Department for tools. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Streets Update – Eli reported there 2 patches that are buckling on S. Houk St. WW Blacktopping came out and looked at it and will give a quote. The Riprap on S. Houk St by the school needs to be removed and a catch basin put in at the bottom of the hill to catch run off. Eli is currently waiting for a bid from WW Blacktopping. WW Blacktopping came out and there are 3 spots in town that need attention, the alley by the post office, Ewing/Chapel Intersection, and a manhole cover. Seal Coating will be happening around August 6. There are some issues we need to get done before that. Discussion on mastic and crack sealing continued. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve up to \$20,000 for mastic and crack sealing, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. EDC dust control submitted a quote for \$16,665. They will use oil instead of chloride. Eli asked if Council wanted to add the block of Willard St. between Halladay and

Chapel. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the dust control with the addition of the Willard St block, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Carr's Tree Service removed the trees on Flynn St. that were discussed last month and inspected the Ash trees at the ballfield. There are 3 ash trees that are infected and need to be removed. Carr's submitted a bid of \$2500 to remove the 3 ash trees. Eli presented to council a list of Ash trees in town, location, and cost for Carr's to treat them in the amount of \$2092.36. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the removal of the 3 infected Ash trees and the treatment of the remaining Ash trees, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Mayor Anderson would like to replace the trees that are being removed. Eli will check on some trees and costs to plant them for the August meeting. The structure of the Belltower needs repair. The timbers from the original Belltower are rotten and need to be replaced. Council discussed how to repair the Belltower or remove it altogether. Councilor Brude would like to get an engineer's opinion on the best way to proceed. Council suggested Eli contact Brandon at Bollig Engineering for information.

Building Permits GT-09-25 and GT-10-25: Councilor Brude motion to approve the building permits GT-09-25 and GT-10-25, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Water/Sewer Update – Brian stated he collected 2nd quarter samples for wastewater 2 days early which resulted in a letter from MPCA stating the 2nd quarter samples were not submitted. This resulted in a violation. There is no further action required. All the sewer updates that were done last year have made a signification improvement in the I&I. In June 2016 96,000 gallons a day were pumped into the pond, in June 2025 46,0000 gallons a day were pumped into the ponds. The phosphorus levels have been decreasing significantly as well. Aaron Robinson from Midwestern Construction submitted a quote and specs for a building around the phosphorus pump and chemical tank in the amount of \$27,000. The building will include a service door and also a rollup door to accommodate the removal of the tank if needed. There will be airflow exchange through the ceiling and translucent panels to help with light. The building will enclose the electric panel as well. The construction will take approximately 1-2 weeks. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the quote and have Midwestern Construction start on building the shed, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Clerk Petty asked council to set a date for the first 2026 budget workshop. Councilor Brude made a motion to schedule the 2026 budget workshop Monday August 18, 2025, at 5pm, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

New Business: Resolution 2025-08 Setting Fees and Charges. Council discussed the administrative fines and set them at \$50 for the 1st violation and \$100 for the second violation. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 Setting Fees and Charges, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Clerk Petty presented Council a flyer from MN Valley Council of Governments (MVCOG) inviting Council Members to an Elected Official's training. Councilor Day, Councilor Brude, and Councilor Klammer stated they would be interested in attending the training on August 6, 2025.

Misc. Business: National Night out is August 5. Clerk Petty and Councilor Klammer would like to do the same thing we did last year. The inflatable obstacle course attracted a lot of families. Clerk Petty asked if Council is interested in donating again. Councilor Day made a motion to donate \$600 to National Night Out activities and food, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty presented Reimbursement forms: 1 for Paulette Nelson for the flowers she plants around town, 1 for Brian Severns for postage for water samples, 1 for Clerk Petty for mileage for June-July 14, 2025. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the reimbursement forms, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Mayor Anderson received a call from Mike Drummer regarding the school building. He is ready to start working on the school but is waiting for interest rates to drop to 5% to make the construction doable. There has been more vandalism at the school, a skylight has been broken and there have been vandals inside the school.

Mayor Anderson asked if there was still interest in switching engineers. Council discussed giving Bollig a chance by having them look at the Bell Tower and get their opinion on repairs.

Brian Severns suggested council look at replacing the long pipe in the pumphouse this winter as it is corroding underneath and can break at any time.

Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm

Adjourn:

Next Regular Council Meeting June 10, 2025, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer