

GOOD THUNDER PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes of the public hearing
July 14, 2025

Mayor Robert Anderson called the public hearing 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. 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.

Mayor Anderson read the Ordinance titles as:

25-01- Ordinance amending Section 34.01 (Fee Schedule)

25-02 – Ordinance Creating Chapter 35: Enforcing administrative offenses

25-03 – Ordinance regulating public nuisances within the city of Good Thunder

25-04 – Ordinance creating section 117, creating regulations regarding cannabis businesses

Mayor Anderson opened the floor to comments and questions regarding the above Ordinances. Resident Mr. John Lillis voiced his concern with the nuisance ordinance in regard to maintaining lawns and weed control. Mr. Lillis stated excessive mowing, and herbicides are destroying the environment. Councilor Klammer stated the council is trying to set a standard for yards and appeal to the residents of the city. Resident Mr. Dale Braulick commended the council for their effort in setting an ordinance to help keep resident properties appealing. Mr. Braulick stated when he moved here 25 years ago, the town was kept up and looked very nice, now the town does not look appealing due to all the unkept yards, and it affects the enjoyment of his property. Brian Severns stated the MN Pollution Control Agency requires the city to mow and maintain the fence line around the ponds to deter rodents from destroying the area. Mayor Anderson explained that due to the lack of some residents not taking care of their yards and keeping them mowed and orderly, the city is enacting the ordinance and administrative fines. The city will continue to work with residents to achieve compliance. Resident Maureen Spear also commended the council for taking action to enhance the appeal of the city. Ms. Spear asked what can be done with closed businesses that are unkept and the building is starting to fall apart. Councilor Day stated these will all be addressed as soon as the new Ordinances take effect. Councilor Klammer stated some of the previous issues started once the city lost their police force. Property owner Mr. Dennis Kleinow stated he has rental property in town and asked the council what the requirements are for renters and where the responsibility lies for maintaining yards and vehicles. Councilor Day stated it ultimately falls on the property owner and not the renter. However, the renter will receive the violation notices as well as the property owner. Mr. Kleinow asked about multiple vehicles on property and where residents can park vehicles if they have several. Council Day stated vehicles will need to be on a parking pad and not parked on the grass. They will also need to be licensed. Discussion continued regarding vacant houses that are falling apart, and rodents have been seen going in and out.

Mayor Anderson asked for a motion to approve 25-01- Ordinance amending Section 34.01 (Fee Schedule), Councilor Brude made a motion to approve, Councilor Stoltzman seconded, motion carried.

25-02 – Ordinance Creating Chapter 35: Enforcing administrative offenses, Councilor Day made a motion to approve, Councilor Klammer seconded, all those in favor: Aye – 5 opposed – 0 motion carried.

25-03 – Ordinance regulating public nuisances within the city of Good Thunder, Councilor Day made a motion to approve, Councilor Stoltzman seconded, all those in favor: Aye – 5 opposed – 0 motion carried.

25-04 – Ordinance creating section 117, creating regulations regarding cannabis businesses, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve, Councilor Day seconded, all those in favor: Aye – 5 opposed – 0 motion carried.

Mayor Anderson called for a motion to adjourn, Councilor Day made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Brude seconded, motion carried. Public Hearing adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer