

GOOD THUNDER COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 9, 2025

Mayor Robert Anderson closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:10 pm 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 were present, Brian Severns was absent.

**Agenda:** Councilor Day made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

**Minutes:** Councilor Day made a motion to approve the May 12, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried.

**Bills:** Check #18478 to #18504, EFT#56860 to #56872, payroll EFT# 500173E to 500179E, Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bills, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

**Community comments:** Resident Jim Prom inquired about the possible storm water retention pond the city has proposed with the bonding bill. Mr. Prom wants to dig up the wetland on his property and is inquiring about the possibility of working together with the city on the project. Mr. Prom stated the pond he would build would be 200 feet long, 40 feet wide and 8.1 feet deep. He has been in contact with Blue Earth County, and adjoining neighbors. Mayor Anderson asked about the liability issue if the city were to put the retention pond on his property. Mr. Prom would like to eventually build houses on the property. Mr. Paul Barnard suggested the city and Mr. Prom work with the engineers to come up with a plan to see if this is something the city wants to pursue.

Tucker and Tyler Truebenbach from High Performance Garage presented the council with information regarding a car show they would like to have in Good Thunder in August. They moved their business to Good Thunder a few months ago and have tripled their business since being here. The brothers have been involved in car shows in Lake Crystal in previous years. They would like to hold it at Thunder Valley Park. Discussion was held regarding opening the concession stand and asking the Fire Department if they want to sell hot dogs, pop, etc. at the event. They would like to encourage other businesses in town to participate and be a part of the event. They are asking if the city can help promote it and get the word out. Clerk Petty will work with Tucker and Tyler on spreading the word on the city's Facebook page. Council welcomed them to town and encouraged them to reach out if they need anything or have any questions.

**Sheriff's Department** – 104 hours: Death, nuisance, domestic, parking violation, assist, disturbance, harassment, directed patrol, driving violations.

**Fire Department** – Chief Klammer was present and gave the following report: 9 calls: 5 medical, 1 assist, 1 MVA, 2 mutual aid. The fire department is asking council to approve the purchase of a new extrication tool as the current tool they have has had some intermittent issues

and are 15 years old. The new upgraded tool is battery powered, less manpower, does not need a generator to use. The new tool is more versatile. The total cost for the mounting brackets, charger, battery, extension, ram, and extension pike is about \$40,000. The fire department has done a demonstration of the tool and Chief Klammer feels it would be a good investment at this time. The city received a one-time public service funding in December, 2023 of \$24,000 to help cover the cost. Chief Klammer stated the gambling from the fire department usually contributes to the city that can be used to help offset the cost. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the purchase of the extrication tool, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Fire Department President Andrew Meyer and Treasurer Dylan Brunz were present to answer questions regarding the reports needed to complete the actuarial report for the city's audit report.

**Streets Update** – St. John's Lutheran church will be using Thunder Valley Park Sunday. Eli will bring some picnic tables down on Friday. The city should be getting a quote for dust control. Eli will start removing the bushes around the Bell Tower. The work order forms are working well. They are now on a google drive that the clerk and maintenance can access. There were some tree branches that came down on Flint St. Once the insurance company is done with the review, Carr's Tree Service will come out and remove the trees. Eli is making a list of possible areas that need patching for WW Blacktopping. The tree branch on the old school property is still hanging and is a hazard. Council directed Eli to have Carr's go and cut the branch to remove the hazard as it is hanging over the street. There are some Ash trees at the ballfield that don't look healthy. Carr's will look at those as well. Hiller Dr needs gravel and grading. The city received a verbal quote from Tom Walters and is waiting for the written quote. The pond generator received yearly maintenance service. Going forward, Eli will do the oil changes and have the software updates done by Midwest Electric and Generator. The grease trap at the shop has a hole in it. Eli will get quotes to have the trap lined. The tractor will need new tires by winter. Eli will be getting prices for tires. The mower is working well; there are some balancing issues when mowing the ponds. The International passed the DOT inspection. High Performance Garage did the inspection; Eli fixed any issues prior to the inspection. The sweeper needs a new main brook and possible belt. He will reach out to McQueen. He has been working on cleaning out the catch basins. The rip rap by Houk St and Willard St is catching debris and will eventually cause issues with water runoff. Eli will investigate how to proceed. There were 2 high water usage reports so far that were caught by reading the water meters weekly. The alley behind the Thunder will need to be fixed because of the sink hole. Eli will add that to the list for WW Blacktopping to complete. Mayor Anderson stated Xcel Energy put up some new light poles in the cement and did not fix the cement after. Eli will make a list of the broken cement and Clerk Petty will contact Xcel and work with them to fix the issue.

Building permits GT-03-25, GT-04-25, GT-05-25, GT-6-25, GT-07-25, GT-08-25. Questions were brought up regarding the retaining wall for GT-04-25. Eli will review with the resident. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve all building permits apart from the retaining wall for GT-04-25, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

The city received 2 bids to redo the concrete at City Hall; council is waiting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and will take this project under advisement.

Cannabis Ordinance- Councilor Day asked Jared Day and Dan Barnett to come and answer any questions the council has on the Cannabis Ordinance. They explained the different types of THC, hemp, CBD, different products. Liquor stores and gas stations will need to obtain a license from the city to sell the products. Jared read our Ordinance and explained what it all means for the city.

**Water/Sewer Update** – Brian was absent, no update

**Unfinished Business:** Kellon Giese presented council with 3 bids on cameras for the compost pile and the Archery Park. 2 of the camera's Kellon is not familiar with, one of them is a Tactacam Defend Security camera. The cost ranges from \$59 to \$129. Kellon has used a similar camera at the Archery Park, and it works well. There would be a data package the city will need to purchase. The data package can be purchased through Verizon and added to the city maintenance cellphone plan. Eli would be able to monitor the compost pile better and hopefully the presence of cameras will deter illegal dumping, and other nuisances. The cost of the Tactacam is \$129 and the lithium battery and charging panel is \$110. After some discussion, Council Day made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 Tactacam Defend Security cameras and the lithium battery and charging panel for a total of \$478.00, Councilor Klammer, seconded; motion carried. Councilor Day made a motion to approve reimbursing Kellon for the purchase of the 2 Tactacam Defend Security cameras, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

The city received \$44,090.53 from Dakota Mart for the Small Cities Revolving Loan. Blue Earth County will receive \$21,752.76.

The city received the signed easement from Ferrell Gas to continue the Halladay sewer project. The city is still waiting on the easement from Dick's Locker. Clerk Petty updated the easement and gave to Dick's Locker for review and signature.

Curbside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday June 28, 2025. Notices went out in the June water bill.

Clerk Petty asked council to set a date for the final ordinance review. Councilor Brude made a motion to schedule a special council meeting for ordinance review, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

**New Business:** Resolution GT-2025-05 Archery Park Donation – the city received a donation of \$500 from Minnesota Deer Hunters Association for target stands. Councilor Day made a motion to approve Resolution GT-2025-05, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Resolution GT-2025-06 transfer of funds to refuse fund – During the audit, Greg Burkhardt suggested the council made a resolution to transfer funds from the general fund to the refuse fund. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Resolution GT-2025-06, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Clerk Petty worked with Greg Burkhardt to enter journal entry's for the interest earned on the 4M fund accounts. Going forward, these will be done at the end of each month when the bank recon is done. Councilor Brude will review and sign off on them.

Clerk Petty asked council to start thinking about the 2026 budget workshop. Council will need to schedule a date for the July council meeting.

**Misc. Business:**

Employee review/raise – Councilor Brude and Councilor Day met with Clerk Petty in April for a yearly review. The Personnel Committee is recommending a 5% raise effective April 1, 2025. The Personnel Committee will review other options in place of a monetary raise such as more PTO, better insurance coverage, etc. Council will review this during the budget workshop. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the 5% raise for Clerk Petty, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Resident feedback: The new website is up and working really well. Clerk Petty has been receiving feedback from residents that includes the following:

Unlicensed Vehicles sitting on residential lots- if the city is going to enforce this, they need to enforce across the board, not pick and choose.

Rental license – is it working? Still some rentals without a license.

St. Clair and Eagle Lake – inspections every 3 years, hire an inspector. Licenses renew every 2 years

Ballfield uses: movie night could pose issues with copyright laws of movies. Dog park- maybe get resident feedback

Playground equipment – is it ever going to be put up? Would need a professional welder due to liability issues

Landing by Maple River – who owns it? who's responsible? Needs work, can't use it to launch a canoe or kayak

Benches for the belltower park. Does the city own the green benches where they were stored last year?

There was discussion regarding the fiber cables that are still laying across resident yards that have not be put in ground. Clerk Petty will contact Fidium and get someone out here to complete the project.

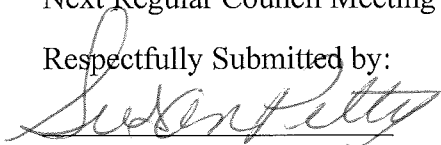
Clerk Petty stated City Hall will be closed Thursday June 12 and Friday June 13, 2025

**Adjourn:** Mayor Anderson called for a motion to adjourn, Councilor Brude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. The council meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Special Council Meeting June 16, 2025, at 6pm Ordinance Review

Next Regular Council Meeting July 14, 2025, at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Petty", written in dark ink.

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer