

GOOD THUNDER PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

October 13, 2025

Mayor Robert Anderson 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, and Jim Day were present. Councilor Jon Brude was absent. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer and Brian Severns were present. Eli Depuydt was absent.

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

Public Hearing:

Property 211 Main St – Resident was not present. Vehicle and travel trailer have not moved, are unlicensed and appear to be inoperable. Miscellaneous refuse, old tires and overgrown vegetation remain throughout property. No action has been taken by the resident. Council reviewed the information and instructed Clerk Petty to have the 3rd letter served on the resident.

Property 311 Hubbell St – Resident was not present. Overgrown vegetation and trees remain throughout the property. Holes in garage have not been addressed by property owner. Council reviewed the information and instructed Clerk Petty to have the 3rd letter served on the resident.

Property 738 Chapel St – Resident was not present. Dodge Durango and the camper have not been moved, remain unlicensed. Resident did not turn in an action plan. Council reviewed the information and instructed Clerk Petty to have the 3rd letter served on the resident.

Councilor Klammer made a motion to serve the 3rd letter upon the following addresses for noncompliance: 211 Main St, 311 Hubbell St, and 738 Chapel St, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Mayor Anderson called for a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular council meeting. Councilor Day made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular council meeting, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried.

Mayor Anderson opened the Regular Council Meeting

Consent Agenda: Mayor Anderson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-H as listed on the agenda. Councilor Klammer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes September 8, 2025, Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting, September 15 Special Council Meeting.
- B. Approval of Bills: CK #18586 to CK #18619, EFT #56921 to #56939, Payroll EFT #500204 to #500214
- C. Building permits GT13-25
- D. Reimbursements – Brian Severns and city clerk

- E. Renew Liquor and Tobacco license for Red Iron and Thunder Bar
- F. Sheriff's Department – 80 hours: paper service, driving violation, fireworks, disorderly, theft, paper service, assist, directed patrol,
- G. Fire Department – 2 calls; Fire rescue, illegal burning

Community comments: None

Streets Update – In Eli's absence, Brian Severns gave his report. Willard & Houk St – the contractor delivered the catch basin for the project; they are planning on setting the catch basin tomorrow. Sidewalks – There are 2 quotes in the council packets for sidewalk replacement. Both are on the higher side. Discussion on the cost and time of year to be replacing sidewalks was discussed, there would be some cost sharing with Blue Earth County as some of the replacements would be on the County Road. Council suggested allowing up to \$5000 for sidewalk replacement this year. Councilor Day made a motion to approve up to \$5000 for sidewalk replacement, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. A quote from Safe Step was presented to council for sidewalks that need repair instead of replacement. Safe Step has a patented process that saw cuts lips in the concrete to an ADA compliant grade. Some of this will be cost shared with Blue Earth County as well. There was discussion on waiting until next year, however Brian Severns stated now that the city has identified the areas of concern, these should be fixed as they are hazards. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the quote, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Eli would like to purchase 4-6 trees to plant in the Thunder Valley Park and also the city park this fall. Edenvale has a sale on trees right now, they have some nice-looking Pin Oak, Red Oak, Catalpa, and Red Maple. Mayor Anderson suggested the city plant hardy fast growing trees. Councilor Day made a motion to approve up to \$1500 for trees for Thunder Valley Park and the city park. Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Mark Klema and Brandon Johnson from Bollig Engineering met with Brian and Eli and briefly with Mayor Anderson and toured the town and gathered information. Mark has already been working on the sewer extension behind Dick's Locker. No dumping signs were put up by the compost site after more illegal dumping of concrete and dirt were discovered. Council discussed the concrete dumping and the benefit to the residents; however large quantities of concrete have been dumped there which is causing the issue. Eli met with Troy Walsh from LMC to do a walkthrough of the playground equipment. A few items were identified as needing attention and parts were ordered. Two quotes for tires for the tractor were included in the packets. One for D&K and one from Bauer Built. Councilor Klammer made a motion to approve the quote from Bauer Built for four new tractor tires, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. The adapter plate for the tractor has arrived, Eli is still waiting on the bucket. Eli has replaced the radiator in the International truck and waiting to reseal the transmission pan and will continue to troubleshoot and repair the sander control. The gutter broom on the sweeper was replaced; this winter Eli is planning on repairing and replacing worn parts on the sweeper. The pond chemical building has been framed, and the tin has been ordered. This should be completed in October. There were some issues with underground wiring, and the crew needed to adjust and shift the building a few times. While the crew was working on the building Eli started working on the fence on the Northwest corner, where the geese had been crossing the fence. The existing posts were pulled, and the area was

regraded, and new poles were installed. Quality Flow completed replacement of Check valves and pump guides for the two smaller pumps in the lift station. Kunkel Electric came to inspect the streetlights that have been out, there is a break in the underground that feed the streetlights on the north side of Main St. They bypassed the failed circuit and feed everything off one circuit, if the other circuit fails, new lines will need to be bored under Main St. Peter's Striping completed the diagonal parking on Houk St from Main to Sherman St and the crosswalks throughout town. A new solar light was installed on the welcome sign on the West side of town.

Water/Sewer Update – Brian will be taking Predischarge samples in October. Everything is going well at this time.

Clerk/Treasurer Update –Property letters were served on the residents from the September 8 Council meeting. LJP sent a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Refuse and Recycling. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the Fourth Amendment, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty has been working with Chris Kennedy on the validity of the Ampion Solar contract that Heather Lowe signed in 2018. Chris Kennedy suggested Council set a date for a closed meeting with him for Attorney/Client Litigation. Council set October 27 at 5:30pm for a closed meeting for Attorney/Client Litigation. Clerk Petty suggested Council set December 8, 2025, at 7pm for the Truth and Taxation meeting, followed by the regular December Council Meeting. Councilor Klammer made a motion to set December 8, 2025, at 7pm for the Truth and Taxation Meeting, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried. Clerk Petty and Eli met with Blue Earth County Emergency Management Director, Eric Weller and updated the Hazard mitigation Plan. This is updated every 5 years. Clerk Petty attended the Minnesota Valley Council of Governments (COG) General Assembly September 17 in Mankato, the main topic was Paid Family Leave that will be starting January 1, 2026. Clerk Petty is working with COG to update the Personnel Policy. The cost of membership in COG is going up approximately \$1000 for 2026. Council asked Clerk Petty if she felt COG was beneficial to the city. Clerk Petty stated she uses COG frequently and they are a great asset to have. She received information on other health plan options and will review those with the Personnel Committee. Metro Sales submitted a quote for a new printer before prices went up. At this time, council decided to wait as long as the printer is working properly. There was a Food truck in the city a few days this past month. Most residents enjoyed having another option for meals, one resident did not and submitted a letter to council. Council discussed the pros and cons to a food truck in town. Mayor Anderson asked about the \$300,000 that was discussed to be moved to the 4M fund. Clerk Petty and Jon are planning on meeting with Burkhardt & Burkhardt discussing this.

Unfinished Business: Past due utility bills and fines will need to be certified to the county by November 30, 2025

New Business: None

Misc. Business: None

Adjourn: Councilor Day made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

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Closed Special Council Meeting October 27, 2025, at 5:30pm Attorney/Client Litigation

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer