

GOOD THUNDER PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

September 8, 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. Sue Petty, City Clerk-Treasurer, Eli Depuydt, City Maintenance Supervisor and Brian Severns were present.

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

Public Hearing:

Property 224 Hubbell St – Resident was in attendance and stated the violations have been taken care of. Eli verified the property is now in compliance.

Property 621 Main St – Resident was not present. Eli stated he had a conversation with the resident and suggested the resident contact him with an action plan regarding the excess vehicles, lumber, and other miscellaneous refuse. As of the meeting, the resident had not turned in an action plan and no clean up has been done. Council reviewed the information and instructed Clerk Petty to have the 3rd letter served on the resident.

Property 730 Chapel St – Resident was no present. Eli stated the vehicle is still in the front yard, unlicensed, and appears to be inoperable and no action has been taken on the part of the resident. 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. Mayor Anderson stated the resident informed him that he is working on getting the title to the camper put into his name. Council reviewed and gave the resident 10 days to submit a written action plan, and 30 days to come into compliance. Council will review at the October Council Meeting.

Property 844 Chapel St – Resident was not present. Eli stated there is equipment, trailers, 5th wheel camper, household appliances and other miscellaneous refuse throughout the property. There is also rank vegetation throughout the property. No cleanup has been done. Council reviewed the information and instructed Clerk Petty to have the 3rd letter served on the resident.

Mayor Anderson called for a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular council meeting. Councilor Stoltzman made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular council meeting, Councilor Klammer 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-E as listed on the agenda. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes August 11, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Bills: CK #18570 to CK #18585, EFT #56910 to #56920, Payroll EFT #500196 to #500203
- D. Sheriff's Department – 63 hours: directed patrol, assist ambulance, suspicious circumstances, ATV complaint, civil, welfare check, trespassing, intoxication, theft
- E. Fire Department – 2 calls: Medical, Rescue
 - Leininger withdraw membership from GTFD as of August 2, 2025

Community comments: Mr. John Lillis was present and asked council who is the city Emergency Management director and who is on the Emergency Management Organization. Councilor Klammer stated Mayor Anderson is the EMR. Clerk Petty stated the fire chief, Eli, BEC Representative and herself are on the emergency management team.

Streets Update – Angle parking on Houk St will be done Friday. Eli asked for clarification for the angle parking on Houk St from Main St to Sherman to make sure everyone was on the same page. Mayor Anderson asked how wide the street is and how much drivable area there would be. Eli stated there would be approximately 30 feet of drivable space. A resident asked about putting in steps from the sidewalk to the street instead of the cement that is angled down. The city owns the boulevard and is responsible for maintenance of the boulevard. A representative from Safe Step will be meeting with Eli tomorrow to discuss sidewalk maintenance and any issues that need to be addressed. There was discussion regarding what constitutes a hard parking surface as some residents are stating their vehicles are on a gravel pad, however it has not been maintained for a long time, and weeds are growing through the gravel. Council stated if it is a gravel surface, then the resident should remove the weeds and “freshen up” the area with more gravel. Eli will be working on getting the trucks and equipment ready for winter. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve Building permit GT-12-25m Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Water/Sewer Update – Brian will be sending in a discharge sample in the next few weeks. There has been reverse flow at the ponds. Brian gave council a quote from Quality Flow for upgrading the check valves and replacing the guide systems at the ponds for a total of \$13,550.00. This is a repair that needs to be done. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve the bid from Quality Flow for \$13,550.00, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried. Brian has been working with Eli on moving towards getting his Class D Wastewater license. MN Rural Water Conference is having a conference in St. Cloud in March that Brian will be attending and wants Eli to go as well as he can take classes to obtain his Class D License. The fence on the Northside of the ponds is starting to sag and needs work.

Quote from Blue River Excavating for \$3849.40 to install a pipe on the corner of Willard and Chapel and remove the riprap. There will still need to be a bid for the manhole and concrete

work. Eli talked to WW Blacktopping, and they do not have time to set the pipe this fall. The catch basin will also need to be bid and installed. Councilor Day made a motion to approve the bid for \$3849.40 to lay the pipe, Councilor Klammer seconded; motion carried.

Eli will work on exercising the main valves and making a list of those that work and those that need replacement.

Clerk/Treasurer Update – Clerk Petty presented 3 resolutions: Resolution 2025-09 Establishing addresses for the Parcel split on Graham St. Resolution 2025-10 Adopting Data Practices Policy for the Public and Resolution 2025-11 Adopting Data Practices Policy: Requests for data about you and your rights as a data subject. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve all 3 Resolutions, Councilor Stoltzman seconded; motion carried. Letter from a resident regarding Ordinance Violations. MN Waste Processing is increasing their rate by 2.7% in January 2026. Clerk Petty asked council to set another date for a budget workshop and follow up with a Special Meeting to adopt the proposed levy and proposed budget as the deadline for submitting to the county is September 30, 2025. Council decided Sept 15, 2025, at 5pm for the budget workshop, followed by a Special Meeting at 6pm to approve the proposed levy and budget. Clerk Petty is still working on obtaining more information on rental inspectors. She called Blue Earth County, and their inspector is too busy. Clerk Petty submitted Aug and partial September mileage reimbursement for bank runs and meetings. Councilor Brude made a motion to approve mileage reimbursement, Councilor Day seconded; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: St. John's Lutheran Church is having a 155th Celebration and invited council to attend and encouraged a representative of the town to make a small speech at the 1:30pm service.

Misc. Business:

Adjourn: Mayor Anderson called for a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Councilor Day made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Councilor Brude seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Budget workshop scheduled for Monday September 15, 2025, at 5pm

Special Meeting scheduled for Monday September 15, 2025, at 6pm

Approve Preliminary levy and Preliminary budget. Houk St Repair

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Petty, City Clerk/Treasurer