



Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes
City Hall ~ August 14, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ellen Anderson Buck, Joe Benda, Jason Thuman, Chris Schmit, Patrice O'Reilly

Absent: None

Guests: Lori Luhman, Lisa Redepening, Todd Kieffer, McCrae Olson

Call to Order

Mayor Buck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approve or amend Agenda

Council added community concerns for pool to the agenda. With one addition to the agenda, Council member O'Reilly motioned to approve amended agenda, seconded by Benda, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve, the June 12, 2024, June 26, 2024, July 10, 2024, and July 24, 2024 Minutes, was made by Thuman seconded by Schmit, motion carried 5-0-0.

Public Hearing - Abatement

Mayor Buck opened the public meeting. There was no public comment. Mayor Buck closed the public meeting. A motion to adopt the new resolution granting a property tax abatement for Goodhue Senior Living property in the City of Goodhue and approving a second amended and restated contract for private development related thereto, made by Schmit, seconded by O'Reilly, motion carried, 5-0-0.

Council is requesting staff to collect more information to bring back to the next meeting regarding the Habitat for Humanity request to split a lot into two buildable lots. Details included who will be assessed for the added expenses for alley improvement, tree removal, driveways, and utility infrastructure to complete the process.

Website discussion consisted of comparing the options that were presented. With one being a more consistent lower price and internal staff having experience with the program, the council unanimously agreed on a vendor that can meet their expectations. This will be added to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

Pickleball Courts are in the process of getting work scheduled. The 50% downpayment was made and remainder will be issued at time of completion using COVID funds.

The EDA will be continuing to work at creating and coaching an Advisory Board that looks at what the community needs. They also find means to help support new businesses. A survey may be a useful tool in finding more people to be a part of the Advisory Board.

Council and staff discussed the rental space for the Goodhue County Sheriff's office and garage.

Council discussed ways to liquidate the remaining police department inventory.

Public Works update on storm damage listed all the property roofs and siding that need to be looked at by an adjuster for storm damage.

Staff and council determined that there should be a better checks and balances with swimming pool inventory and transactions.

Goodhue County Sheriff Office Contract will be on the consent agenda for approval at the next meeting. Council also discussed the rates charged for the Volksfest festival and determined the extra coverage was needed per the State because of traffic control due to the roundabout not being completed and a detour was still in place.

Sanitary District update. New session has hired a lobbyist group, which may cost more, but that amount would be divided between the four cities, and they will keep the cities informed.

Council was informed about the Goodhue County Hazard Mitigation Plan review. This is something that all cities and counties need to do protect themselves by reducing risks and hazards from natural disasters.

Conditional Use Permit, also known as a C.U.P. form is used when granting special provisions of the ordinance. The form was reviewed by council, and it was agreed it could be added to the Consent Agenda for approval at the next meeting.

A building permit for the outdoor pool on 8th Street was reviewed by council to move forward to send to the county for approval.

A new permit has been submitted for the St. Luke's building with a new layout of two apartments in the lower level and no new information about the upper level. The Council deferred the permit discussion to the next meeting so there is time to get more information to make a more informed decision about the plans for the building.

A resident on 9th street would like to replace a concrete apron that was poured incorrectly and now they are informed that if it is completely removed, the owner will need to comply with the ordinance setback of five feet.

The Well Head Protection Plan Amendment was discussed and agreed to move forward to approve at the next meeting.

A preliminary 2025 Budget discussion took place reviewing paid street assessments, bond debts, residential and commercial garbage, recycling and sewer rates, store front Façade program, and an unknown fire department budget.

Goodhue School District Emergency Building Use Agreement is for the school to use the Lions Building for grades 6-12 in the event of an emergency. Council agreed this could be added to the Consent agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Other:

Council also had resident concerns about efficient use of the Goodhue pool, such as offering lap swim in the evening, higher rates in the evening, and charging rates for other instructor use of the pool. Council discussed some ways to improve the pool budget.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made to approve the bills by Schmit, seconded by Thuman, motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:49 p.m. by Council Member Schmit, seconded by Thuman, motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk