



Goodhue City Council Work Session Minutes
City Hall ~ November 13, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Lori Luhman, Jason Mandelkow, Todd Kieffer, McCrae Olson, Kyle McKeown, Mayor-Elect Ernie Valenzuela

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

O'Reilly motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Schmit, motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the October 23, 2024, meeting minutes, was made by Schmit seconded by Benda, motion carried 5-0-0.

Discussion Items

The Goodhue Gas Commission reported they had one applicant. The council recommended holding that application and advertising again and bringing all applications back to the next work session in December.

The League of Minnesota Cities has a standard Personnel Policy available that can be updated to reflect our needs. The Public Works section referring to On Call, On Call Gas and Sewer from the current policy will remain the same. Council discussed changes that need to be addressed and will review policy at the next work session.

CEDA reported there will be \$6,000 for the Façade Improvement Grant Program next year. Council agreed that the grant is for improvement of the property and each property is limited to receiving funds once every three years. Unused funds will be carried over to the next year. Each property receiving grant money will also receive an IRS 1099-MISC. The grant program will be added to the consent agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Council and Public Works discussed the items to use the closed TIF money for. The dump truck is getting old and will need to be replaced soon. Staff will investigate possible ways the city can sell the old truck and get a more updated truck. In the meantime, the money will be saved for a dump truck purchase.

A motion to approve the current Special Assessment List for past due utilities was made by O'Reilly, seconded by Schmit, motion carried 5-0-0. The Final Assessment Certification and Resolution will be on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

A motion to accept the results from the November Election was made by Thuman, seconded by Benda, motion carried 5-0-0.

A motion to approve letting the school make batting cage extensions was made by O'Reilly, seconded by Schmit, motion carried 5-0-0.

The council tabled the Gambling Licenses for Goodhue Lions for December 7, 2024, to the next meeting for clarification on the location of the event.

Motion to approve the 2025 Budget and Final 2025 Levy of 5% was made by Schmit, seconded by Thuman, motion carried 5-0-0.

Public Works Director, Jason Mandelkow, requested to present on behalf of the City of Goodhue at the MRWA conference. The fee for all three days is \$300. Council unanimously approved request.

If the School is willing to split the property so they own the field and the City will still own the waterway and have the title search done, the city agrees to pay the \$500 title search fee. A motion was made by O'Reilly to pay the full \$500 for the title search, seconded by Schmit, motion carried 5-0-0.

Council discussed ways to repurpose the City of Goodhue, Lions and FFA signs. Funds raised with the process were suggested to get donated to the Goodhue Education Foundation and/or Graduation Party gifts.

Health Care Renewal rates and deductibles increased for 2025. In comparison with other plans, the best option was to stay with the current provider. The Health Care renewal will be added to the consent agenda.

Council agreed that the 2025 CEDA contract could be renewed and will be added to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

Council agreed that the 2025 Agreement for State Building Code Administrator, with Goodhue County, can be renewed and will be added to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

The City of Goodhue Driveway Permit is more for tracking of replacement. There is no fee because there is no ordinance at this point for the requirement of a driveway permit. The application form will be on the consent agenda for approval at the next meeting.

The City of Goodhue Prosecution Services renewal for 2025 is the same rate and will be added to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

The MN Board of Fire Training & Education has a convenient way of paying the qualified training and certification invoices by simply filling out the form online and uploading matching invoices. This information will be handed over to the Fire Chief.

Mayor Buck will respond to the request for Renaming a Street with the information obtained as to why this is not a good idea and the difficulties it presents.

The snow removal "Call for Quotes" notice is ready to go in the paper. All quotes must be received in the City Clerk's office by December 2, 2024. Council will review the bids at the next work session.

The council meeting minutes will be readily available upon request at City Hall, in the lobby, and posted on the website. Because of the size of our city, we are not obligated to print the minutes in the paper or live stream the meetings. Live streaming was a step taken to manage during COVID and is no longer necessary. We are however obligated to audio the council meetings.

Council discussed several items from the fee schedule for 2025, such as, removing the impound fee, adding a non-resident brush dumping fee, bulk sand and salt fee and several of the pool fees. Several suggestions were made but no decisions at this time. The fee schedule will be reviewed again at the next work session.

The Safe Routes to School Plan for Goodhue is coordinated between the school, the city, and the County. It is to provide painted crosswalks and lines to keep our kids safe and council agreed it is worth looking into further.

The farm lease agreements were prepared and look good so they can be mailed out.

Council asked to see a list of all the ordinance violations. The Clerk provided the spreadsheets for the last three months of violations. A violation that is closed needs to be reviewed for clarification. Information will be sent to the GCSO for a revisit.

Approval of Bills

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 8:53 p.m. by Council Member Benda seconded by Schmit (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk