



Goodhue, Minnesota 55027

Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm, May 8, 2024

City Hall

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Council Members Present: Mayor Ellen Anderson Buck, Joe Benda, Jason Thuman, Chris Schmit

Council Members Absent: Patrice O'Reilly

Guests: Lori Luhman, Jason Mandelkow, McCrae Olson, Kyle Mckeown, Joe Zignego

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**Call to Order**

Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Unanimous adoption of the agenda with a motion from Schmit second by Benda (4-0-0) with following amendments to Other. Public Works, Goodhue County Sheriff's Posse, and Budget.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business Items**

The Senior Living Tax Abatement is complete. August of 2025 is the first payment. Council members discussed the public hearing, and a decision was made to hold the public hearing on June 26, 2024, with the EDA and Council meeting to follow. The Resolution for Abatement needs to be submitted to Goodhue County by September 1, 2024.

Burn Pile land was not recorded with the county and there is no purchase agreement. To proceed, Stehr's will need a conveyance, title search and title insurance. Knight Barry title will help with the process.

The Goodhue Gas Commissioner discussed the Commissioner's terms of service and continues to work on its Bylaws.

The Zoning and Subdivision Regulation changes need to be made by the creator of the document so we will get the changes to the Attorney. A special "Zoning meeting" could be held. Zoning R1 and R2 need to be updated also. It can be done with the suggested changes and then it can



still be amended after completion. Zoning needs to be updated so we can enforce certain things that need to be looked at.

Council and staff discussed swimming pool update, Wildcat care swimming lessons, lesson signup, lifeguard applications, and pay.

Pool Manager is also a lifeguard and is paid an annual stipend for manager and hourly rate for lifeguard duties. Payment for annual stipend payable July 1 and end of season. The Council agreed that a 5% increase is ok for the Pool Manager's annual stipend. Pool Manager hourly rate will remain at \$16.50.

The Lifeguard's pay \$250 for their certification upfront and once lifeguards complete their second year of employment, they get reimbursed the certification fee by the city. Goodhue is not certified, at this time, to do the certification testing and staff is working on getting Red Cross Certification.

The pool opens and swimming lessons start on June 3, 2024.

There is one applicant for summer help. The council agreed to start this year's summer help employee at \$15.00 per hour.

National Night Out is on Aug 6, 2024. There will be a Goodhue County Sheriff deputy assigned to every city and we can bring back more information at the next meeting. We need to let the Sheriff Department know who is hosting and where.

The Council agreed to go ahead with starting the update to improve the Goodhue City Employee handbook.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pub applied for a Liquor license to start on June 1, 2024. The council agreed that it made sense to prorate the one month and include it in the full annual renewal rate for both the June license and the annual renewal. When renewal arrives, it can be processed immediately.

A lease agreement is in the process of being created for us to use for farmland property on an annual basis.

The Covid dollars must be spent by December 31, 2024. A resolution was signed in February of 2022 with coronavirus provisions. Council Members discussed ways to use the COVID Funds.

The council needs to look for a hiring firm to bring a candidate in for the Administrator position. The council agrees that we should use some Covid money for filling that position.

A street sign is needed for Front Street, that will not be run over by large trucks. There are plans to get one installed.

The Sign company had to manufacture the graphics before installation of the Welcome to Goodhue sign, which is already approved to pay.

Maintenance to 6<sup>th</sup> Street was done for water leak repair.

Sheriff Posse will be hired for Volksfest. Charges will be \$1,200 for 8:00-1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Other communities are already working on their budgets. We need to get started and our treasurer will be able to help get information. Budget committee is Jason Thuman and Patrice O'Reilly.

Resolution 24-06 approving application for selling raffle tickets for the chicken barbeque will be ready for approval at the May 22, 2024, meeting.

### **Approval of Bills**

Council Members reviewed and discussed the bills to be paid. A motion was made by Council Member Schmit to approve the bills, seconded by Benda, motion carried 4-0-0.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:53 pm by Council Member Schmit and seconded by Benda 4-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Luhman, City Clerk/Administrative Assistant