

City of Goodhue
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2023

Present were Mayor Ellen Anderson Buck, Council Persons Jason Thuman, Chris Schmit, Patrice O'Reilly. Also, present Jason Mandelkow, Cailin Richard and McCrae Olsen. Absent was council person Joe Benda.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Thuman to amend the agenda adding North Zumbro Sanitary District update and Goodhue County Sheriff Dept. policing contract and meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the Sept. 27, 2023, council meeting minutes and the October 11, 2023, work meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

Construction on the security cameras at city hall was discussed and a follow up is needed.

New Business

Park and Recreation Commission Bylaws are being reviewed by the city attorney and will be reviewed at the November meeting.

City Engineer report- North Zumbro Sanitary District update as given. Committee and Team meetings have begun working on background information for the MPCA to facilitate receipt of preliminary effluent limits. Facility plans will begin soon and are due by March 2024 to allow for funding.

MPCA states that chloride limits are no longer needed for new permits, this is a change from the original assessment. Consideration of new adjustments to the draft NPDES Permit.

4th and Broadway Street Improvement update- Final liftoff pavement has been completed, punch list of items and final documents remain.

Swanson Heights Lot Grading Review- Lots have been all reviewed and generally conform with grading plans. Lot 3, block 3 is still under review.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Schmit to approve resolution 16.23 Special Assessment for past due utility invoices. Motion carried 4-0. Please remember any past due utility invoices by Nov. 28, 2023, will be sent to Goodhue County for collections to be added to your taxes.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the Goodhue Sign from Midwest \$750. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by O'Reilly to approve Public Works to purchase a snow pusher for \$7500 and Broom for \$5000. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Schmit and second by Thuman to approve a \$1 raise to Todd Majerus Public Works Assistant for achieving his Class D license. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Thuman to approve snow quotes for Lodermeier's, Thomforde, and Fitzgerald. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Schmit to approve Voting Operation Agreement with Goodhue County and State of Minnesota. Motion carried 4-0.

2024 election date- March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary (new for 2024), Aug. 13, 2024 Primary Election and Nov. 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The polling place will be the Goodhue Lions community center. Please look for additional information in the upcoming utility mailings.

Special meeting will be held on Nov. 8, 2023, to discuss the Goodhue County Sherrif Departments contract, following this will be the work meeting. Nov. 29-Note the date change-will be the regular council meeting. Motion by Scmidt and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the date change. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment -Chris Schmit shared a comment that he received about the need for police presence in the city. The council has received other citizens' concerns and is looking into them and taking them into consideration to work with Goodhue County to continue working through this transition and encourage considerations to keep coming to the council's attention.

Sanitary District meeting update- Mayor Buck shared information about the meeting that Lobby will continue, and funding is still needed. Things continue to move forward in the right direction.

Mayor Buck and Council person O'Reilly attended the Goodhue County board meeting with the continued discussion on policing contracts.

Respectfully Submitted Jill Buxengard - City Clerk