



Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes  
City Hall ~ January 22, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Mayor-elect Ernie Valenzuela, Joe Benda, Michael Brunkhorst, Chris Schmit

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Lisa Redepinning, Lori Luhman, Todd Kieffer, Trevor Sullivan GCSO, Jeannine Nagel, Nick Gravemann, Treyben Kehren

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**Swearing in of office**

Oath of office for Mayor was read and signed welcoming new Mayor Ernie Valenzuela to office.

**EDA Meeting called to order**

Mayor Valenzuela called the EDA meeting to order.

A motion to approve the EDA agenda was made by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

No minutes from the previous meeting, nor was there any public comment.

There were three applicants who applied to the Goodhue EDA. They are Sara Bien, Kate Kurtti and Calvin Ryan. There would need to be one Councilmember and Mayor also recommended to be on the commission. Recommendation is to accept the three at-large applicants.

A motion to appoint the three at-large applicants, Sara Bien, Kate Kurtti and Calvin Ryan, to serve on the EDA board, was made by Benda, seconded by Schmit, motion carried 4-0-0.

The business survey is in progress and can help support new and existing area businesses.

The EDA is still looking for a business directory. The City staff can help with a business commercial account list.

The EDA will be meeting with Sport Courts in February to work through the crack problem on the base of the courts.

Administrator Redepinning reminded that the covid money that needed to be used, was used for the pickleball courts.

A motion to adjourn the EDA meeting was made by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

**Call to Order**

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

**Approve or amend Agenda**

Changes to the agenda are to remove the first item of new business. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Schmit, seconded by Benda, motion carried 4-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 8, 2025, work meeting minutes was made by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda item, which was the approval of the Tobacco Licenses, made by Benda, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

As soon as the Goodhue Lions Club has their meeting, they will let the City know when we can meet regarding the insurance and some other items on the Goodhue Lions Club agreement with the City.

A motion was made by Schmit, to set a Public Hearing for a Variance Request on February 26, 2025, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

Mayor Valenzuela nominated Councilmember Schmit as acting Mayor. Schmit accepted and a motion was made by Benda to appoint Chris Schmit as acting mayor, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Schmit to adopt Resolution 25-1 declaring a council vacancy, seconded by Benda, motion carried 4-0-0.

Council discussed the options of appointments that were presented to them. Council appreciated that Ms. Nagel was present at the meeting and expressed a desire to be on the council. A motion was made by Brunkhorst to appoint Jeannine Nagel to City Council, seconded by Benda, motion carried.

New council member Jeannine Nagel took Oath of Office at this time and was welcomed to the City Council.

After realizing the resolution for the variance hearing was not adopted, a motion was made Brunkhorst, to adopt Resolution 25-02 Authorizing a Public Hearing for a Variance Request on February 26, 2025, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 5-0-0.

With the cold weather, there was an issue with the gas line going to two homes that both had no gas coming in and precautionary measures were taken to provide gas to the homes. Shortly thereafter gas flow was restored, and the properties will be monitored for accurate gas flow until the lines can be inspected or replaced in the spring.

Council briefly discussed the Public Works plow truck that will need to be replaced this year. Depending on the cost of the plow truck, it may need to be bid out.

#### **Approval of Bills**

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

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:53 p.m. by Council Member Brunkhorst seconded by Schmit 5-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk