



Goodhue, Minnesota 55027

Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm, April 10, 2024

City Hall

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

Council Members Absent: None

Guests: Cailin Richard, Jason Mandelkow, Lori Luhman, Joe Zignego

Call to Order

6:00 pm

Adoption of Agenda

Unanimous adoption of agenda with a motion from O'Reilly and a second from Benda (5-0-0) with two amendments to the agenda. To add under Other: update on Sheriff's Department Community Event and appoint Council member Schmit as acting mayor while Mayor Buck is on vacation.

Old Business

None

New Business

TIF update by Cailin.

Senior Living Tax Abatement (Cailin) - good faith effort.

The burn pile property discussion conveyed what did and did not happen in the past with the recording of the deed. With the help of the Surveyor, City Attorney and Title Company, we are working on getting that corrected.

The Zoning Ordinance update from Councilmembers O'Reilly and Schmit addressed recreational vehicles 5.10 which refers to something you sleep in and how many are allowed and how many days it is allowed to be parked on property. Another ordinance covers vehicles and structures on property. Exceptions can be made during Volksfest. There is no dump station available locally. Cannot prohibit all adult businesses per City Attorney 4.4. May prohibit minimum lot sizes for changes in living styles with tiny homes. The City of Goodhue does not allow manufactured homes. This type of home must be designated in a manufactured home (trailer) park. City

Council needs to set a public hearing for the new zoning policy and show strike through and highlighted changes. Notice of hearing needs to be published up to ten days prior to public hearing.

The Treasure position is an appointed paid position. A motion was made by Benda and seconded by Schmit to appoint Lisa Redepenning as Treasurer. (5-0-0)

The Clerk position was formally offered and accepted by Lori Luhman. Motion made by O'Reilly seconded by Schmit to add City Clerk to the Administrative Assistant position.

City Council was informed by Mayor and City Clerk that Dar's Pub sent a letter informing the City with their intent to sell. Dar's Pub filled out the renewal to be ready to renew in case the sale was not final in time. In the meantime, the new owners applied for a new liquor license, which is only one month away from the renewal date of Minnesota Liquor licenses. With that being the case, we will be contacting the State to confirm the process of how to handle the paperwork and payment.

Summer help and Lifeguard positions were posted for three weeks. At this time we have one applicant for Public Works summer help and four applicants for Lifeguard. Payroll will need to remember to implement (ESST) Earned Sick & Safe time.

Public Works confirmed that last year's pool manager is coming back this year. Pool update included things that needed to get done like; lifeguard certifications, date and location for swimming lesson sign up, coordinating sign ups before pool opens, install pool heater, buying a refrigerator for the pool concessions, new lifeguard chair seats, painting lifeguard stands and adding garbage can and swimmers daily pool rate increase. The Council unanimously agreed on the price of \$4 per person and will bring it to the next meeting for approval. Council member Schmit issued a letter to the family who won the family pool pass from the All Night Grad Party.

The City was asked to help with watering flower boxes downtown and are in favor of adding the watering to summer help duties. The School District is taking care of their own boxes. Public Works would like to be involved with the Park & Recreation committee when that gets off the ground. Looking at the future, our current flower boxes are deteriorating, and volunteers are harder to come by, so we'll need to figure out a plan for that.

Public Works update involved street maintenance and sewer line maintenance. Received one bid from Empire who has done sewer cleaning before. They asked for a maintenance plan that will be taken to the next council meeting for approval. Also received quotes for seal coating. Public Works would rather see us do crack sealing and mastic versus seal coating this year. Quotes will be ready for the next meeting.

Other Items

Goodhue County Sheriff's Department community event was brought up for the opportunity for more visibility in the community and engagement. Events, dates and locations are to be determined for providing them with these opportunities.

Council Member Chris Schmit was appointed acting Mayor while Mayor Buck is on vacation.

Administrative Assistant is working on getting logo letterhead printed for office use that will include Equal Opportunity Employer language on the bottom for official city business.

Approval of Bills

The City Council and staff discussed some of the bills that were ACH, equipment and final payment for Julie Huneke's office staff services. A motion from Council member Schmit to pay the bills as stated, seconded by O'Reilly (5-0-0).

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:17 p.m. by Council Member Thuman, seconded by Benda (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Cailin Richard, EDA Coordinator
Lori Luhman, City Clerk/Administrative Assistant