



Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes  
City Hall ~ June 12, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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**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

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**Call to Order**

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

**Approve or amend Agenda**

Additions to the Agenda under Other are LGA, Bond payment, Nuvera and Driveway. Benda motioned to approve amended agenda, seconded by O'Reilly, motion carried 5-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the April 10, 2024, work meeting minutes was made by O'Reilly seconded by Schmidt, motion carried 5-0-0.

**Old Business**

The burn pile property deed is completed and recorded. The fee to draw up the deed was \$1,020.75. The Burn pile property officially belongs to the City of Goodhue.

The zoning policy now has a drop-in for the conditional mixed-use permit. The public hearing notice for the zoning policy has gone to the paper for printing.

The farm leases will be ready to be adopted at the June 26, 2024, meeting. Every year the farmers will need to sign a lease agreement reflecting the tillable acreage and rate for that year.

Hwy 58 billboard sign location lease was forwarded to Attorney Vose to proceed with letter and agreement.

**New Business**

The employee payroll process was discussed and adjustments were made in order to reduce bank processing fees. Payroll is set for Friday as the actual pay day for all staff receiving paychecks or direct deposit.

The Farmer's Market is run by the Chamber of Commerce, who is requesting a contribution to help offset this year's organizer fee of \$500. A motion was made by Benda to give the Chamber of Commerce \$250 for the Farmer's Market, seconded by Schmit 5-0-0.

The City Councilmembers were reminded that COVID funds needed to be used by December 31, 2024. Our Treasurer pulled the ledgers for 2020, 2021, and 2022. The City received \$87,771 in covid money in 2020 and show disbursed funds of \$87,771 for 2020. In 2021 we received \$64,312.60 and spent \$9,047.38 leaving a balance of \$55,265.22. In 2022 the city received 64,312.59 and spent \$6,582.77 with a balance of \$57,729.82. The current Covid 19 balance is \$111,002.98 still to be spent by December 31, 2024.

Public Safety Aid is being used to pay for the new fire fighters' equipment and the Sheriff's Posse and two additional Sheriff Deputies for Volksfest.

Council was updated on the North Zumbro Sanitary District. Money is released for paying things like engineering fees. According to the State, some was not covered, which Pine Island took care of that balance of \$9,370.23 which is being split and we will owe Pine Island for our portion of 2,342.56. The North Zumbro Sanitary District now has a website, domain name and logo for the district.

Council was updated on Tif 1.3 Ag Partners balance. Northland Securities let us know that the TIF was done in 2018. Every year it costs us \$1,000 to file the paperwork on it, which does us no good because we do not have a redevelopment project to spend it on. If we return the money to the County, we get about 1/3 back that can be used. A motion will be made on June 26 to sunset TIF 1.3.

The Fab Tech TIF 1.5 paperwork is all in so that is done, and a payment schedule is being worked on.

Sheriff Department Statistics and invoice for the month of May were reviewed and discussed.

Goodhue Public Works will meet with Verizon who will be doing work here on the tank. Public Works talked to our Engineer about a capital plan on street projects. Public Works was granted permission to get an estimate and plan for street project.

The Alley behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pub is also bad. A quote was given for the alley work. It should be done all the way to the street. The council suggested getting quotes.

### **Other**

Council Members addressed that some complaints were received about the Nuvera boxes that are tied to old boxes on houses and some old pedestals were never removed. Staff contacted Nuvera and they recommend customers call Nuvera directly for complaints.

Council was informed of the new appropriation for LGA. The small city amount in 2023 was \$3,781 extra and then 2024 one-time appropriation of \$16,945. Expected July payment from LGA will be \$196,148 and December LGA is \$179,203.

Bond payments were discussed.

Council announced that a new home is being built and owner is proposing an additional concrete apron on interior side of home. Lot lines were found and a five-foot setback on each side which left a 10 foot setback from house. Jason reached out to City Engineer for drainage, who had no concern so long as it is not sloped toward the house. A new building permit is required for the new driveway.

### **Approval of Bills**

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

Mayor Buck announced that she will not be running for Mayor in the next election.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:53 pm by Council Member Thuman, seconded by Schmit (5-0-0).

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk