



Goodhue City Council and Goodhue Gas Commission Meeting Minutes
City Hall ~ April 23, 2025 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ernie Valenzuela, Council Members, Michael Brunkhorst, Chris Schmit, Jeannine Nagel, **Staff:** Lisa Redepinning, Lori Luhman, Kyle McKeown

Absent: Joe Benda

Guests: Wayne Gadiant, Mike Ayres GCSO

Call to Order

Mayor Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The City and the Gas Commission do not have an official agreement. Questions arise as to what is the arrangement between the two? How do things operate here with the two entities relating to equipment, space, labor and payroll? Some larger cities have the Gas Commission as a separate entity that runs on their own. Some smaller cities have the gas utility as a department of the city if it is managed by the city.

Gas Commission Board Member Wayne Gadiant summarized the history of how the Gas Commission came about. Their goal was to not be a burden to the taxpayer and keep prices reasonable. The City not growing, at this time, is a burden on the taxpayer. Then when the City of Goodhue built the new City Hall building, the Commission offered to rent a space for \$500 per month to help support the funding of the building. Most years the Gas Commission has donated/discarded the swimming pool gas charges. The Gas Commission expenses that are taken care of or handled by the City are reimbursed monthly.

Attorney Vose recognized there is value in having the Gas Commission and City work together. He also suggested ways to come up with an agreement. The City Council, staff and the Gas Commission should write down the way they see things being done and compile a list of who does what for who, who is handling what, and as much detail of the relationship as possible. Then decide what parts are working and what parts are not for both parties and come up with any necessary changes.

Now that there are new staff and council, some questions came up that will need to be addressed like "Who does Kyle work for?" "Is he a city employee?", "Does he qualify for PERA?", "How much time is spent helping City Staff?", is his compensation appropriate for the exchange of work being done?"

Wayne and Kyle reminded City Council they are welcome to attend the Gas Commission meetings that are held on the third Monday of every month at 4:45 p.m.

Council agrees that the way things are being run seems to be working well.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk