

City of Goodhue
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Present were Mayor Ellen Anderson Buck, Council persons Jason Thuman, Joe Benda, Chris Schmit Patrice O'Reilly. Also present was McCrae Olson, Cailin Richard, and Jason Mandelkow. By zoom Attorney Robert Vose.

Motion by Benda and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Benda to approve the city minutes of Aug. 23, 2023, Sept. 13, 2023, special meeting, and Sept. 13 work meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Thuman to approve wage increase from \$19.48 to \$20.45 to Selene O'Reilly, to reflect the 5% wage increase from Jan. 1, 2023.

Goodhue County Sheriff's Department has issued a memo to cities that contract policing with the county. Currently the Commissioners are reviewing their budget to determine with there will be an hourly rate increase. Further discussion will be discussed at a future meeting.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Benda to approve Resolution 15.23 -2024 Budget Levy to be set at \$662,528, this amount will be the same as 2023. Note: There will be a public hearing on Dec. 13, 2023, at 6pm. to further discuss the final budget, at which time the budget can be lowered. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Schmit to approve Resolution 14.23 Authorizing and Approving a 2024 Lobbyist Contract for North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District State Capital Request. Motion carried 5-0.

City of Goodhue Sign update- Joe Benda shared print suggestions for the signs and will gather quotes for a future meeting.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Benda to approve the purchase of a new computer for Public Works \$1579.97. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by O'Reilly to approve public works to hire Empire Pipe Services to camera and clean sections of sewer lines. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Thuman to approve Public Works to hire a plumber to work on updating water meters in some homes and businesses. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Thuman to approve RWC Tech quote to update the security system construction in city hall. Motion carried 4-0, with Benda abstaining.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Thuman to close the public council meeting. Attorney/Client privileged discussion concerning the payment to Goodhue Senior Living and a potential associated claim. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Schmit to close the closed meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by O'Reilly to reopen the public council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Thuman to approve the bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Thuman and seconded by Benda to adjourn the council meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Buxengard- City Clerk