



Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes  
City Hall ~ January 14, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Mayor Chris Schmit, Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Jeannine Nagel, Eric Brandt  
**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Lisa Redepenning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Jason Mandelkow, Public Works Director, Jon Huneke, Mike Ayres, Marty Kelly - GCSO, Lynn Nardinger - Goodhue Lions, Madyson Thomforde, Jeremy Thomforde, Charlotte Muenzenberger – News Record

**Remote:** None

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**Call to Order**

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

**Approve or amend Agenda**

A joint powers agreement was not received so there is a request to remove the “Joint Powers Fire Truck Association Agreement” from new business. Motioned to approve amended agenda by Nagel, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 10, 2025, City Council meeting minutes made by Brandt, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 4-0-0.

**Approval of Bills**

Clarifications made on bond payments and Dairyland Power Cooperative company information. A motion to approve the bills made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

*Approve Resolution No. 26-01 A Resolution Declaring a City Council Vacancy*

A motion was made by Brandt to approve Resolution No. 26-01, A Resolution Declaring a City Council Vacancy, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0. The vacancy will be posted until the next work session February 11, 2026.

*Approve liquor license for Lions Soup Feed – January 25, 2026 before next meeting*

A motion to approve the temporary liquor license for the Lions Soup Feed on January 25, 2026, was made by Nagel, Seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

*Approve one-day liquor license for Lions Spring Brunch – March 1, 2026*

A motion to approve the temporary liquor license for the Lions Spring Brunch on March 01, 2026, was made by Nagel, Seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

*Committees/official assignments:*

Motion to approved First Farmers and Merchants as the official bank, Zumbrota News Record as official newspaper, Robert Vose of Kennedy and Graven Chartered as City Attorney, Reese Sudtelge of ISG as City Engineer, and Goodhue County as City Prosecutor, was made by Brant, seconded by Nagel, motion carried, 4-0-0.

Council tabled the Ambulance committee assignment until they gather more information on meeting schedule.

Motion by Brunkhorst to approve committee members for the following:

EDA- Jeannine Nagel

Fire Association – Michael Brunkhorst, secondary Chris Schmit, alternate Jeannine Nagel

Personnel committee - Michael Brunkhorst and Mayor Chris Schmit

Gas Commission - Chris Schmit

Seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

*2025 Cash Control Report*

Annual cash control report was presented in the state format and needs council approval before submitting it to the state auditor. Discussed budgeting categories and accounting system details. The only changes would be if we receive any 2025 invoices that are paid in 2026, they will be back dated to 2025. Motion to approve the cash control report to be submitted to the state of Minnesota, made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

*Change of meeting times during Lent Wed Feb 18, 2026-April 2, 2026*

After brief discussion the item failed for lack of support. Meeting times during lent will remain the same.

*Pool fee schedule*

Council discussed pool operations, expenses and fee comparisons with nearby communities. Noted declining revenue despite previous rate increases and donation reductions. Discussed incentives for early pool pass purchases. Council decided against raising pool fees for 2026 and will monitor budget to review next year. Motion by Brandt to keep the pool fees the same, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 4-0-0.

*Snow parking policing policy*

Council discussed options for notification of snow accumulation alerts for residents to remove cars from streets for snow plowing. Options were Facebook, website alerts, and encourage subscribing to city notifications. Alerts on the website are added by the City Administrator. Council suggested that we add a QR code to the city newsletter, Facebook and the website for residents and businesses to get quick access to subscribing to City of Goodhue notifications. Instructions for the alert subscription were also asked to be sent to Nuvera to scroll on the local channel. Sgt. Huneke reminded Council that the current ordinance suggests that any accumulation can result in a ticket whether you are plowing at the time or not and, other questions are; when are you plowing? and when can they return to park there? He suggested that a time be posted as to when you will be plowing the streets, publicize it, and that is when you are plowing so it is consistent. The Ordinance needs to be changed, but for now the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office will wait until a snow emergency is declared by City of Goodhue Public Works Director, then they will start ticketing.

*Façade Program-Additional reimbursement request from Goodhue Depot*

The Goodhue Depot submitted their receipts with an additional request for reimbursement of the sign purchased on an auction. The sign was donated by the city to the fundraiser auction, so council was not in favor of approving that additional amount added to the submitted receipts. Since the other receipts were already approved, council chose to accept only receipts from original submission. A motion was made by Brandt to

accept the amount of previously approved receipts reimbursement match amount totaling \$331.85, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 4-0-0.

### **Public Works update**

Mayor Schmit inquired about the city's current dump truck/plow truck replacement and what parts were due to be replaced and Director Mandelkow replied with basically the entire plow system. Mayor asked about the pickup truck sanding systems and Brunkhorst replied that the truck sanders are not efficient enough for municipalities.

### **Administrator Comments**

April 18, 2026, is set up as our "spring city-wide clean-up day" and the Goodhue School National Honor Society is scheduled to help that day. Waste Management has offered free disposal for this event. Staff will continue to confirm with Salvation Army and the rest of the organizations that helped last year.

### **Council Comments**

Council Member Brunkhorst confirmed the Goodhue Fire Truck Association hired an attorney to work on the joint powers' agreement. They are hoping to have it done in a couple of weeks.

### **Mayor Comments**

None

### **Other**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:19 pm by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt 4-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk