



Goodhue City Council Work Meeting Minutes  
City Hall ~ February 11, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Mayor Chris Schmit, Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Eric Brandt

**Members Absent:** Jeannine Nagel

**Others Present:** Lisa Redepening, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Jason Mandelkow, Public Works Director, Katie Kurtti, Pete Grimsrud-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**

Removal of the Fire Truck Association Agreement for lack of an agreement. Motion by Brandt to approve amended agenda, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 28, 2026, council meeting minutes made by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Approval of Bills**

Motion was made to approve the bills, by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 3-0-0.

**New Business**

*Council Appointment to Vacancy*

Council engaged in conversation with the applicant and commended how thoroughly and well the application was completed. A motion was made to accept the application and appoint Katie Kurtti as a council member, by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 3-0-0. The Oath of Office was read and welcomed Katie Kurtti to the City of Goodhue City Council.

*Committee Assignments – Ambulance, Acting Mayor*

Council member Brunkhorst expressed interest in the Ambulance representative assignment. A motion to appoint Brunkhorst to Ambulance representative was made by Mayor Schmit, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

Council member Brandt expressed interest in Acting Mayor assignment. Council member Brunkhorst motioned for Council Member Brandt to be Acting Mayor in the Mayor's absence, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 4-0-0.

### *Snow/Parking Concern*

Council reviewed the fact that discussion and changes with the process took place at a previous meeting and the changes to the snow emergency alert and timing were changed as requested to accommodate employees working downtown until 2:00 a.m.

### *Cell Tower*

GSS Midwest Project Manager asked again for consideration of a cell tower project in Goodhue requesting a counteroffer from the City. The council denied their proposal.

### *Spring City-Wide Cleanup Day – April 18<sup>th</sup> – Set Rates*

Council discussed rates, special priced items, residential vs. commercial and days for the prepaid curbside pick-up. Item was tabled for the next meeting to receive more detailed rate information from Waste Management.

### *Resolution 2026-02 Approving Lawful Gambling Premises Permit for the Goodhue Lion's Club*

Council agrees to approve Resolution 2026-02 Approving Lawful Gambling Premises Permit for the Goodhue Lions Club and will be added to the consent agenda for the next council meeting for approval.

### *Approval of Consumption and Display Alcohol Permit for Lions Club*

Council agrees to approve the Consumption and Display Alcohol Permit for the Lions Club and will be added to the consent agenda for the next council meeting for approval.

### *All Night Graduation Party Donation Request*

Council agrees to donate a family pool pass for the drawing at the All-Night Graduation Party and will be added to the consent agenda for the next council meeting for approval.

### *Goodhue Community Foundation Donation Request*

Council has agreed to donate a family pool pass to the Goodhue Education Foundation and will be added to the consent agenda for the next council meeting for approval.

### *Volksfest Security Financial Request*

The Jaycees are asking the City of Goodhue for a contribution of one-half the cost of security for the Volksfest event this year. They received a quote for security services of \$15,000-20,000 from the Goodhue County Sheriff Department. This is separate from the City's Volksfest event Posse amount and the current contract with Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. Council recognized that the City naturally incurs costs associated with this event and decided to decline the request and suggested they seek funds elsewhere.

### *Administrator Report*

No comments

### Public Works Report

A grant was received for the addition of the generator at the main well #1. Well #3 costs to keep it in operation were discussed. Removed more boxelder trees, installed new brooms on sweeper and John Deere. Still waiting to hear if we will be receiving funds for replacing galvanized water service lines.

### Council Comments

Council member Kurtti informed that she will be absent from the next meeting on February 25, 2026.

Council member Brunkhorst referenced an item from the administrator report asking what the concerns were for the Fire Truck Association agreement. Administrator Redepenning shared concern for, not only the attorney concerns, but also on the billing process that was listed in Section 7.5 of the agreement that involves all the entities doing the fire call billing and collection of fees, which will require a new ordinance and fees included on the entities fee schedules, and increased workload for the city and township clerks. Brunkhorst mentioned that this was not in the document presented to him two weeks ago. He thought that was for delinquent bills only. He also commented that the Fire Truck Association is reviewing the billing process for the Joint Powers Agreement and some other things that needed to be looked at. Along with that, he shared some logistics of billing, charges and rules that the department needs to follow.

Council member Brandt asked about the Emergency Plan and Emergency contact. Administrator Redepenning confirmed that it is scheduled to be on the next work session.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:29 p.m. by Council Member Brandt, seconded by Kurtti, motion carried 4-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk