



Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall ~ February 25, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Katie Kurtti

Others Present: Lisa Redepenning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Jason Mandelkow, Public Works Director, Mike Ayres-GCSO

Remote: Jeannine Nagel

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

Motioned to approve agenda by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 11, 2026, work meeting minutes made by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made to approve the bills by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

Consent Agenda

- Resolution 2026-02 Approving Lawful Gambling Premises Permit - Goodhue Lion's Club
- Approval of Consumption and Display alcohol permit for Lions Club
- All night Graduation Party Donation Request (Family Pool Pass)
- Goodhue Education Foundation Donation Request (Family Pool Pass)

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Brandt, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 4-0-0.

Old Business

Fire Truck Association Joint Powers Agreement

Council member Brunkhorst brought up the first concern of section 6.1 and Exhibit A. Council debated whether Exhibit A should be a boundary map or a chart with township percentages. Consensus was the chart satisfies the requirement, but language may need clarification of legal interpretation of "graphically depicted". Secondly, Brunkhorst stated that it was unanimous that the board agreed to remove the entire Section 7.5 Collection of Emergency Service Charges. It states that "if the Association is unable to collect funds" then funds would be required to be further obtained by the town or city of the occurrence. This was never previously required, and it is impractical for townships to collect the fees. Consensus is to support the agreement with 7.5 removed.

Brant raised concerns with the ownership and asset distribution if the association disbands, especially for entities investing a higher percentage. Clarification was found in the agreement that upon dissolution, distribution will be by funding allocation (proportional to investment), not equal shares. Discussion continued with voting rights and that all entities have equal votes, regardless of percentage investment, but consensus was that this is standard practice.

Brandt also mentioned that section 4.3 has confusing language requiring all members entities to meet at the “same time and place”; it is suggested to clarify or remove this phrase as public bid processes do not require simultaneous meetings and Section 17.1 needs language updated or removed as done before for removing fax requirements and an incomplete sentence at the end. It is concluded that some parts of 17.1 could be missing and it needs more clarification.

Council asked member Brunkhorst to communicate these changes as discussed to the Fire Truck Association and councils’ willingness to proceed with suggested edits and removal of section 7.5.

City Wide Cleanup Day – Rates

Staff updated council on the terms with Waste Management. They will accept all items as long as separated. Motion to approve the rates for the city-wide cleanup day of \$10 per load dropped-off and \$15 per load for curbside pickup (same as last year) made by Nagel, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business

Mitch Lindholm – New Startup Business

Requester was not present at the meeting and no information was submitted.

Resolution No. 26-03 Resolution Accepting Donation of \$250 from Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Operation Round-Up for the pool fund

Motion to approve Resolution 26-03 Resolution Accepting Donation of \$250 from Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Operation Round-Up for the pool fund, was made by Nagel, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

Public Works Update

Public Works Director Mandelkow updated council on a matching grant of \$45,000 that was received for the generator purchase and work will begin after funds are received. Pothole repairs are planned as weather allows.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:38 p.m. by Brunkhorst, seconded by Brandt, motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk