



Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall ~ September 26, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Ernie Valenzuela, Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Chris Schmit

Members Absent: Joe Benda, Jeannine Nagel

Others Present: Lisa Redepenning-City Administrator, Lori Luhman-Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Jon Huneke-GCSO, Phil Hofstad, Tiffany Jones-News Record

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

Request to amend the agenda by moving, Jon Huneke - changes to policing update, to the October work meeting. Motion by Schmit, to move new business item, Jon Huneke – changes to policing update, to the October work meeting and approve amended agenda, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 10, 2025, work meeting minutes made by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made to approve the bills by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Old Business

Consent Agenda Items - Ordinance No. 202 Amendment to Ordinance 152 Fence Ordinance for Twin Homes, Set Preliminary Levy at 10%, Correcting Negative Fund balances. Motion to approve consent agenda by Brunkhorst, seconded by Schmit, motion carried 2-0-0.

New Business

The State-mandated deadline to set and send the preliminary tax levy and supporting resolution to the county is September 30th. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-15 Approving Preliminary Tax Levy for 2026 made by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

The North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District Lobbyist contract cost and its effectiveness was discussed. The cost was reduced by \$1,400 compared to last year. Lobbyist arranges meetings and advocates for the city's sanitary sewer district fund at the state level. This may be the last year for such services as groundbreaking for the project is expected in 2026. A Bonding tour occurred at Zumbrota with city representatives and state officials. Project progress needs to be demonstrated to maintain eligibility for state funding. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-16 Authorizing and Approving a 2025-2026 Lobbyist Contract for the Proposed North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District State Capital Request made by Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made at 6:11 pm by Council Member Schmit, seconded by Brunkhorst 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk