



Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes  
City Hall ~ October 22, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Council Members Michael Brunkhorst, Chris Schmit, Jeannine Nagel, Joe Benda

**Members Absent:** Mayor Ernie Valenzuela

**Others Present:** Lisa Redepinning, City Administrator, Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk, Pete Grimsrud-News Record, Mike Ayres-Goodhue County Sheriff Department, Phil Hofstad

**Remote:** Bob Vose, City Attorney

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**Call to Order**

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

**Approve or amend Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Benda, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the October 8, 2025, work meeting minutes made by Benda, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Farm Lease renewals for 2026
- November and December meeting dates changed to one meeting only each month. There will be no work meetings. Regular City Council meetings will be held November 12 and December 10 at 6:00 p.m.
- City Contribution to Employee Health Savings Account change to \$1350 for single plan and \$2900 for family plan for 2026
- Application to Conduct Off-site Gambling Pull-Tabs for Lion's Christmas Party December 13, 2025; lease agreement must accompany application
- Resolution No. 25-17 approving Application to Conduct Off-site Gambling for Lion's Christmas Party December 13, 2025

Motion to approve consent agenda, made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

Motion to accept the two-year Goodhue County Prosecution Services contract for years 2026-2027, was made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Benda, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Public Comment** - None

**Administrator Comments**

Redepinning reported that we have not received a response from the Solar Garden inquiry or the Telecommunications Tower company at this time.

**Council Comments** - None

**Mayor Comments** – Administrator Redepenning read Mayor Valenzuela’s letter of resignation to the council. Council referred to Attorney Vose for guidance to proceed. Options were relayed and Council stressed importance of filling the Mayor position. A motion was made to direct staff to create a resolution that will accept the Mayor’s resignation thus appointing Acting Mayor Chris Schmit as Mayor for the remainder of the Mayoral term and declare a vacancy for a council member seat, motion by Brunkhorst, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 3-0-0.

**Other** – Council member Joe Benda read his letter of resignation effective December 31, 2025, and announced he will try to make the next two meetings if feeling well enough.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:26 p.m. by Council Member Brunkhorst, seconded by Benda, motion carried 3-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk