

The Goodhue City Council met in a regular session on November 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. All Members were present. Also present were Richard Gorman, Reese Sutledge, Jeremy Thuman, Jill Buxengard, Treyben Kehren and Sharon Buck.

The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Motion by Buck and seconded by Thuman, to approve the agenda.

There was a Motion by Hahn and seconded by O'Reilly, to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2021 meeting.

There was a Motion by Thuman and seconded by O'Reilly, to approve the late utility assessments role.

The Mayor and Councilwoman Buck, talked to the group about hiring a new city clerk. Both the Mayor and Buck recommended that they make a job offer to Jill Buxengard. The hourly rate of pay would \$23.00 per hour. There was a Motion by Hahn and seconded by Thuman to hire Ms. Buxengard.

There was a brief update from Treyben Kehren and Sharon Buck about the upcoming Goodhue Christmas. The JC's would like to serve German Beer and some German Wine. There was a motion by Buck and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the liquor license to approve those two alcoholic beverages.

Reese Sutledge from ISG gave an update on the close out of the Swanson Heights 3rd Addition and the water main loop. He is still waiting for some documentation and final work to be done. He also gave an update on the sanitary district and where things stand in that regard.

There was a Motion by Hahn and seconded by Buck, to certify for taxes payable in 2022 that are delinquent.

The Mayor gave an overview of the building inspector contract. Currently Goodhue County provides these services to the City of Goodhue on a contract basis. There was a Motion by Thuman and seconded by O'Reilly to approve the contract.

Since it was recommended by the Mayor, the water and sewer rates be tabled because the clerk was not able to there and she would like to explain some items on that.

The council then discussed garbage rates and based upon the recommendation from the clerk, there was a Motion made by Hahn and seconded by O'Reilly, to increase the rate by \$1.50 per month.

Customarily at the end of the year, employee pay raises are discussed but that will not be done until at least the next meeting.

Under public comment, Treyben Kehren indicated that he was looking for some members of the new non-profit committee for Volksfest and he was looking for a member of the City to be on that committee.

Under Mayor's concerns, it was mentioned that the December 22, 2021 meeting will be cancelled. The Mayor then brought up the old City Hall which is located between the old Fire Hall and the Ag Partners building. It is in disrepair and a safety hazard. The Mayor indicated that we should sell it and there was a Motion made by Hahn and seconded by O'Reilly, to go ahead and sell the property but the costs and fees need to be negotiated.

Buck then mentioned that there were two items in the Swanson Heights 3rd Addition that are concerning.

- 1 – There was no silt fencing that was put up in violation of our ordinance and policy.
- 2- There was a dirt pile that is being stored on the City property that was from the developer and City staff will discuss that and we would like to have that removed prior to the freeze up.

There was a Motion by Hahn and seconded by Buck, to pay bills.

There will be no further business to come before the meeting. There was a Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Thuman, to adjourn the meeting and council did so adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Gorman, Acting City Clerk