



Goodhue City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall ~ August 27, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Acting Mayor Chris Schmit, Michael Brunkhorst, Jeannine Nagel

Staff: Lisa Redepenning, Lori Luhman

Absent: Mayor Ernie Valenzuela, Council Member Joe Benda

Guests: Roger Ballstadt - Goodhue Fire Truck Association, Pete Grimsrud – Grimsrud Publishing

Call to Order

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

Approve or amend Agenda

Additions to the Agenda are:

- Variance Application for ISD 253 Goodhue Public Schools

Motion to approve amended agenda was made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 13, 2025, work session meeting minutes was made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Approval of Bills

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

Consent Agenda

- Gas Commission/City Work Agreement
- Merit pay increases for P.W. staff from 2024
- 2nd Street Pub Façade Application
- Property Insurance Renewal

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Old Business

Restated Joint Powers Agreement of the Goodhue Community Fire Truck Association

Council member Brunkhorst, as council representative of the Joint Powers Board, handed council members an updated Restated Joint Powers Agreement of the Goodhue Community Fire Truck Association. Council did not see this agreement before the meeting, so time was taken to review and confirm any changes or discrepancies from the one that was previously agreed upon.

Council member Nagel left the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and returned at 6:06 p.m.

Brunkhorst stated the committee was not happy with the “example” being in there. They found it more confusing than helpful.

Attorney Vose reminded how changes normally are red lined in documents to note changes. Vose stated he does not know what document we’re talking about and has not seen this new document but could help with the contribution language and whether we include land or buildings.

Council member Nagel asked for a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement that was agreed on at the August 18, 2025, fire meeting to clarify if building value was in that one. The agreement stated, “real property value”.

Vose reiterated that in every version of this agreement it has always included both land and building values and no one on this council has ever said that you don’t want to include both land and building values. If you include land and building value together, which has always been our position, then Goodhue’s percentage is way lower than 22.65%.

Council, the City Attorney and a member of the Goodhue Fire Truck Association debated the topics of land value, building value, and number of calls in Goodhue, to justify a formula that reflects reality that everyone thinks is fair.

Brunkhorst stated the committee wanted the example to be either a footnote or a paragraph in the document. Council decided to leave the “Example” in the agreement.

A motion to approve Version 2 from 8/15/2025 to send back to the Fire Truck Association for consideration, was made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 2-0-0.

2026 Preliminary Budget/Discuss Levy

There have been some reductions and changes in the past couple weeks. The TIF calculation is back in the corrected form. After 2026 the bond goes down. It will be on the work session agenda for discussion.

New Business

A motion to approve the Resolution 25-14 Lions Club Off-Site Gambling LG230 for a side-by-side ride and raffle on September 7, 2025, was made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

The Goodhue School returned the signed field sale agreement for us to sign and return to them. A motion to approve field sale agreement with Goodhue School was made by Brunkhorst, seconded by Nagel, motion carried 2-0-0.

Goodhue School submitted a variance to place a storage container on the north side of the concession stand. Motion to approve the variance made by Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst, motion carried 2-0-0.

Administrator comments

The Goodhue portion of the bill for the Fire Department roof of \$27,443.25 was recently received. Normally we get billed all at one time and it is unusual to get one mid-year like this. Question was referred to check with Brad Kollberg of the Goodhue Fire Truck Association about it.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:56 pm by Council Member Nagel, seconded by Brunkhorst 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Luhman, Administrative Assistant/City Clerk