

Budget Hearing and City Council Minutes

September 14, 2026 – 5:30 pm -
Goodrich City Hall

Present: Steve Hochhalter, Blane Enzminger, Karen Konschak, Steve Barreth, Diane Bellecourt (Mayor) and Pam Stewart (Auditor)

Guests: Michael Piper (Judge), Dave Ludwick, Julie Demke, Craig Bellecourt
BUDGET HEARING FOR 2027
BUDGET –

Auditor presented the 2027 Budget for both the City of Goodrich and the Goodrich City Park in detail and fielded questions regarding the new legislated budget process and 3% Cap worksheet. Karen made a motion to accept/approve the 2027 City of Goodrich and City Park budgets which was seconded by Steve B. Motion carried

As part of the budget process the Council discussed the low balance of the Utility fund. The Utility fund is where the water line repair or sewer monitoring comes out of. Blane made a motion to raise the water rate \$5.00/month from \$17.00/month to \$22.00/month beginning with the billings for October that will be paid in November, 2026. The new water rate would still include up to 2,000 gallons of water use per month. The motion was seconded by Karen and carried. A letter will be sent out by the city auditor informing city utility customers of the increase.

Council Meeting –

Financial Report for August 2026 and minutes for August 3, 2026 meeting were presented. Steve B. made a motion to accept the financial report and minutes as presented which was seconded by Blane, motion carried.

County Blading – After much discussion regarding emergency routes, grading city streets and

truck routes for farming etc. Council would like to work with the county maintenance to keep our streets open. City has a snow blower on the city tractor and will continue to use it but ask the county to help also. Steve B. made a motion to ask county maintenance to maintain the worst roads in Goodrich and help periodically with grading. Motion seconded by Karen and carried.

Imposing Fines – Mayor outlined the basic process followed when imposing fines for nuisance property vs. criminal acts etc. First step is usually a warning letter is sent from the city with a time limit that the issue is to be resolved. She also discussed when the county sheriff becomes involved. Karen made a motion that the city will be responsible to write the necessary letters and implementing fines for non-compliance which was seconded by Steve B. and carried.

Landfill Closing Schedule – The City Landfill will be closed as of October 31, 2026 for the winter. The dumpster across from the post office will be available through October 2026 also. Landfill may be available on an individual basis, after official closure and as long as weather allows access, by asking a council person.

There will also be more barrier materials placed at the back perimeter of the landfill to stop landfill access there.

City Water (DEQ) follow-up – DEQ received the city proposal regarding Well #1 and chlorination. The cement and conduit repair have been completed. Still purchasing another chlorination unit for reserve and will look into this issue further with our city water operator and DEQ.

Motion to adjourn by Karen seconded by Steve B. carried

Next Goodrich City Council Meeting
October 5, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at Goodrich City Hall

Pam Stewart, Goodrich City Auditor
(Sept. 24, 2026)