

JUNE 10, 2025

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY
6/19/2025 IN
OBSERVANCE OF
THE JUNETEENTH
HOLIDAY.

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY DAY 7/4/2025
IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE 4TH OF JULY
HOLIDAY.

RECYCLING
COLLECTION FOR
JUNE
6/9/2025 & 6/23/2025
FOR JULY
7/7/2025 & 7/21/2025

IF YOU RECEIVED
AN APPLICATION
FOR THE SMALL
CITY REHAB FROM
DSI - PLEASE FILL
IT OUT AND SEND
BACK IN.

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MAY 12, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members in attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those in attendance.

Minutes of the April meeting and the April 10, 2025 Board of Review meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Wastewater Supervisor, Darrin Haroldson gave the council his report for the month of April and answered the council's questions.

The city will be starting to remove Ash trees on the boulevards due to the near future of Ash Bore Disease. The city will be removing 10 trees per year. There is a sign-up list if you want to be one of the first to have a tree in the boulevard removed. Only doing one (1) tree per property a year unless residents do not sign up. Eventually all Ash trees in boulevards will be removed. At least one (1) tree or 50% (whichever is

greater) must be replanted. Residents will pay 50% of the tree if they want a certain kind.

Building permits for Chris Bump for a 16' x 12' deck to front of house at 220 Evans Street; and for Magaly Espinoza for a 120' x 144' fence to back and east side of property, window replacement, and siding at 500 Cleveland Street were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

The April bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd.

Blighted properties were discussed and letters will be going out.

Mayor Stan Townsend made a proclamation that the month of May 2025 as Poppy Month in the City of Ruthton and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy during this month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by M/Baartman.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

...NOTICES...

ANIMAL LICENSES

Animal licenses are due.

Remember tags are now \$15.00 per animal and the tags are good for 3 years to coincide when your animals get their rabies vaccination. Please call the city office if you have any questions,

Thank You!

If you own a golf cart and plan on driving it around town, you now MUST have a permit for the golf cart according to Ruthton City Code 73.08.

You will need proof of insurance and drivers license in order to obtain a permit.

The cost of the permit is \$15.00

Please apply for one on-line.

Golf Cart Permits need to be renewed annually.

MOSQUITO SEASON IS UPON US

Anticipating the mosquito problem again this year, Darrin will again be spraying on Monday evenings starting about 1 hour before sunset.

Weather permitting—if not it will be done the next permitting night. Citizens might want to close their windows at that time.

A sign will be placed on the sidewalk near the Community Center by 4:00 pm on the days the city will be spraying.

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR:

STAN TOWNSEND

CITY CLERK/TREASURE:

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

COUNCIL MEMBERS

DARWIN SIETSEMA

BRIAN BAARTMAN

CHRIS MCCURDY

STU PETERSON

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

DARRIN HAROLDSON

FIRE CHIEF:

CASEY FRITZ



SUNDAY - JUNE 29 TH

CHURCH IN THE PARK

10:00 AM

COFFEE & ROLLS

FRIDAY - JULY 4TH

10:00 AM	PARADE LINE-UP
10:00 AM—2 PM	CAR SHOW
11:00 AM	PARADE
12:00 P,M—2 PM	PRAIRE GIRL MELODY
12:00 PM—2 PM	MR. TWISTER BALLOON ART
12:30 PM	SAND MONEY PIT AT THE PARK
12:30 PM	REGISTRATION FOR KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL
1:00 PM	START TIME FOR KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL
1:30 PM	BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT - CONTACT BRENT DAGEL AT 507-215-1261

LUNCH IN THE PARK FOLLOWING PARADE

- FREE WILL DONATION
- HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS
GRILLED BY THE PIPESTONE
COUNTY CATTLEMEN
ASSOCIATION
- CHIPS, COOKIE, & WATER
ALONG WITH PLATES,
UTENSILS, NAPKINS, AND
CONDIMENTS DONATED BY
THE BRCO. WATERMELON
DONATED BY COUNTRY
CHURCH

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

PETTING ZOO

BINGO

ASH TREE MAINTENANCE

WITH THE ASH BORE DISEASE CREEPING TOWARDS OUR AREA THE CITY WILL BE REMOVING 10 BOULEVARD ASH TREES PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

THERE IS A SIGN-UP LIST IF YOU WANT TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO HAVE A TREE IN THE BOULEVARD REMOVED. ONLY ONE (1) TREE PER PROPERTY A YEAR UNLESS RESIDENTS DO NOT SIGN UP. EVENTUALLY ALL ASH TREES IN BOULEVARDS WILL BE REMOVED AT NO COST TO YOU.

AT LEAST 1 TREE OR 50% OF WHAT IS REMOVED (WHICHEVER IS GREATER) MUST BE REPLANTED. IF THERE IS A CERTAIN TREE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PLANTED IN THE BOULEVARD ONLY, THE CITY OF RUTHTON WILL SPLIT THE COST WITH YOU AND THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO CARE FOR THE TREES AND TRIMMING.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

THE CITY HAS NOTICED THAT THERE ARE PROPERTIES THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM SOME UPKEEP. THE CITY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF PROPERTY OWNERS COULD ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO ENSURE A TIDY AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY.

IDEAS FOR UPKEEP COULD INCLUDE:

- * PAINT YOUR HOUSE/SHED/GARAGE
- * REMOVE BROKEN FENCES
- * REPAIR WINDOWS
- * TAKE CARE OF ANY UNLICENCED VEHICLE BY EITHER GETTING THEM LICENSED OR REMOVE FROM CITY LIMITS
- * MOW YOUR LAWNS AND TAKE CARE OF OVERGROWN BRUSH, WEEDS, TREES, AND VINES.

LET'S TAKE PRIDE IN OUR
SMALL COMMUNITY!