Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 9/1/25, GARBAGE PICK-UP WILL BE ON TUESDAY 9/2/25

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 9/1/25 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE THE **SECOND** MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.

AUGUST RECYCLING DAYS

8/18/25

SEPTEMBER RECYCLING DAY

9/2/25, 9/15/25 & 9/29/25

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JULY 14, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Matt Taubert, Darrin Haroldson, and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

Accountant Matt Taubert from Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. was here for Ruthton's 2024 Audit Report. The city received a clean audit opinion. The council approved the Journal Entries for the beginning of the year by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. The council accepted the 2024 Audit Report by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

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

Two (2) bids were received for tree work to be done around town from Lamote Tree Service for \$3400.00 and from Serreyn Tree Service for \$3850.00. After discussion it was approved to have Lamote Tree Service come in and do the tree work by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

A building permit for Jacquelyn Bakker for a 10' x 12' deck to the southwest corner of house with the installation of deck door at 350 Harrison Street was approved by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The June bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$59,190.48 Disbursements = \$43,314.23

Renewal of liquor license for Stubb's Pub was approved pending proof of liquor liability insurance by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously. The city is requiring the bars to run on an annual renewal of January 1st – December 31st. This renewal for Stubb's Pub will expire on December 31, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. by M/Peterson.

Rochelle VanderWoude Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLICE HEARING MINUTES - JULY 14, 2025

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Jordan Odegard, Curt Baartman, David Steuart, Rebecca Rupp, Darrin Haroldson, and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the water tower infrastructure project in its entirety again.

Jordan Odegard, Project Engineer from Bollig Engineering, was here to provided information on the upcoming infrastructure projects happening here in the City of Ruthton. He discussed the old system history and age, the cost of the project and proposed timeline.

Questions from the public were asked and answered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICES

BLOOD DRIVE

RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER

MONDAY - AUGUST 18, 2025

12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT SHELLI DERUYTER AT (507) 820-1425 OR SHELLY BORMAN AT (507) 820-1356 **CITY OF RUTHTON**

MAYOR:

STAN TOWNSEND

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARWIN SIETSEMA

BRIAN BAARTMAN

CHRIS McCURDY

STU PETERSON

CITY CLERK/TREASURER:

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

DARRIN HAROLDSON

FIRE CHIEF:

CASEY FRITZ

The city has once again received numerous complaints of dogs running at large, barking dogs, dogs doing their business on other homeowners property, and dogs getting into garbage and damaging yards. The Ruthton City Code §91.02 (A) and §91.07 (A), (B), and (C) states:

§91.02 (A) Running at Large is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

§91.07 (A) Habitual Barking. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than on minute of interruption. The barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.

§91.07 (B) Damage to Property. It shall be unlawful for any person's dog or other animal to damage any lawn, garden, or other property, whether or not the owner has knowledge of the damage.

§91.07 (C) Cleaning up Litter. The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner whether on their own property, on the property of others or on public property.

FOR COMPLAINTS OF PARKING OR ANIMALS PLEASE CONTACT THE PIPESTONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.