

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY,
11/11/25
IN OBSERVANCE
OF VETERAN'S
DAY

OCTOBER
RECYCLING DAYS

10/13/25 & 10/27/25

NOVEMBER
RECYCLING DAYS

11/10/25 & 11/24/25

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Magaly Espinoza, Danny Moffitt, Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved with corrections by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Magaly Espinoza was here to talk to the council about her fence she is installing. She needs to remove the three (3) posts on the south end. City ordinance states that fences are not allowed in the front yards. She was here also complaining of harassment from a surrounding neighbor. The council advised her that she could plant bushes up in place of the posts and for the harassment she needs to call the Pipestone County Sheriff's Department.

Danny Moffitt was here to talk to the council on replacing the concession stand at the ball diamond. After discussion, the council suggested building a new concession stand east of the 3rd base dugout. Two sets of (2) plans need to be drawn up. One (1) that

includes restrooms and one (1) without restrooms. The council will revisit at the October meeting, after plans are drawn up and Danny Moffitt has more figures to present to the council. It was approved have Danny Moffitt sell the old concession stand by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously. Danny Moffitt also would like to install another light pole on the 1st base side and revamp the dugout fences to allow for more interaction. Council approved.

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

Two (2) bids were received for tree work to be done around town from Lamote Tree Service for \$2400.00 and from Serreyn Tree Service for \$2575.00. After discussion it was approved to have Lamote Tree Service come in and do the tree work by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The August bills were presented and approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$16,727.38 Disbursements = \$30,078.58.

The proposed levy was discussed and it was decided to increase the 2026 Levy 7.5% by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. The final levy will be discussed for final approval at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by M/Peterson.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR:

STAN TOWNSEND

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARWIN SIETSEMA

BRIAN BAARTMAN

CHRIS MCCURDY

STEWART PETERSEN

CITY CLERK/TREASURER:

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUE

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

DARRIN HAROLDSON

FIRE CHIEF:

CASEY FRITZ

THE CITY OF RUTHTON IS TAKING A SURVEY ON THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN DIRECT PAY FOR YOUR UTILITY BILL. PLEASE CONTACT ROCHELLE AT THE CITY OFFICE EITHER BY CALLING (507) 658-3902 OR EMAIL HER AT cityofruthton@woodstocktel.net.

...NOTICES...

LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING AND THE PLOWING OF SNOW DRAWING NEAR, WE WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE CURB STOP FOR YOUR WATER IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO MARK THE CURB STOP TO TRY TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING BENT OR BROKEN OFF. IF YOU NEED HELP IN LOCATING YOUR CURB STOP, PLEASE CALL THE CITY OFFICE AT 658-3902.

FALLEN LEAVES

THERE WILL BE NO BURNING OF LEAVES AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THE CITY LIMITS OF RUTHTON. PLEASE BAG YOUR LEAVES AND PUT THEM BY THE CURB. DARRIN WILL BE AROUND TO PICK UP THE BAGS.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE OPEN FROM OCTOBER 15TH - APRIL 15TH WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS 40 DEGREES OR BELOW AND THE POWER HAS BEEN OUT FOR 4 HOURS OR MORE.

CLEARING THE STREETS

THE CITY COUNCIL IS ASKING THAT ALL CAMPERS AND VEHICLES BE REMOVED FROM THE STREETS BY NOVEMBER 1, 2025.

YARD WASTE

THE CITY IS ASKING THAT YOU LIMITED THE WEIGHT OF YOUR YARD WASTE TO 30 LBS. PER BAG.

YARD WASTE INCLUDES LAWN CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, AND APPLE PEELING, ETC.

THANK YOU!