

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED THURSDAY
11/27/25 IN OBSERVANCE
OF THANKSGIVING.

**IF YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION HAS
CHANGED, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CITY
OFFICE TO UPDATE
YOUR ACCOUNTS.
THANK YOU!**

NOVEMBER RECYCLING DAYS

11/10/25 & 11/24/25

DECEMBER RECYCLING DAYS

12/8/25 & 12/22/25

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OCTOBER 14, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

A new concession stand is going to be built at the ball field. Three (3) material quotes for the new concession stand with restrooms at the ballfield were received from Pipestone Building Materials for \$24,091.52; from Tinklenberg Lumber for \$30,507.50; and from Tyler Lumber for \$34,672.51. One (1) material quote for the new concession stand without restrooms was received from Pipestone Building Materials for \$18,869.17. After much discussion it was decided to table until the council could meet with members of the RTR Baseball Association to get their input.

The September bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$36,383.76 Disbursements = \$34,159.10

The council discussed the renewal application for the city's insurance. A waiver limit form from LMCIT (League of MN Cities Insurance Trust) for liability coverage was discussed and needs to be signed yearly. It was decided to DO NOT WAIVE by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously. The renewal application was approved by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The 2026 Police Contract was discussed. The contract is the same as the 2025 contract. The total cost shall not exceed \$14,560. After discussion it was approved to sign the 2026 Police contract with Pipestone County by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

There have been questions asked about Direct Pay for utility billing. A bid was received by Banyon for the add-on module for \$495.00 with annual support of \$195.00/year. Total cost being \$690.00. The council asked for a survey to be sent out in the newsletter with those that are interested to please contact the city office.

The 2026 utility rates were reviewed and discussed. \$0.50 on water, \$0.50 on sewer, \$2.47 (including tax) on the garbage, \$0.26 state mandate for a total increase of \$3.73 was approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. A \$1.00 increase to garbage tags was approved M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The 2026 budget was approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by M/Peterson.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

**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.**

Special Council Meeting – October 20, 2025

RE: Discussion of New Concession Stand at Ballfield with the RTR Baseball Association

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Brian Baartman and Stu Peterson. Absent were Darwin Sietsema and Chris McCurdy. Also in attendance were Jenna Johansen, Tori Teske, Cody King, Dustin Thooft, Grant Wichmann, Brett Anderson, Danny Moffitt, and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Ruthton City Council met with members of the RTR Baseball Association and Danny Moffitt to discuss the plans for the new concession stand to be built at the ballfield. Drawings were looked at and hashed over what needs to be added and deleted. Revised drawings will be made. Financials to where all the funding will come from was also discussed. Another meeting will be held in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

...NOTICES...

UPCOMING SNOWFALL

THE CITY **REQUIRES** PER ORDINANCE 71.04 THAT WHEN THERE IS A SNOWFALL IN EXCESS OF 2" OR MORE, TO PLEASE REMOVE ALL VEHICLES FROM THE STREETS SO DARRIN AND THE COUNTY CAN CLEAN THE STREETS OFF.

FALLEN LEAVES

THERE WILL BE **NO BURNING** OF LEAVES 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.

LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING AND THE PLOWING OF SNOW DRAWING NEAR, WE WANTED 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 GIVE DARRIN A CALL AT (507) 828-8690.
THANK YOU!

...MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN
SATURDAY - DECEMBER 13, 2025
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER



CITY OF RUTHTON

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