

DECEMBER 9, 2025

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY 12/25/25
IN OBSERVANCE OF
CHRISTMAS DAY

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY 1/1/26 IN
OBSERVANCE OF
NEW YEARS DAY.

THE JANUARY
REGULAR CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2026
AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETINGS
WILL NOW BE HELD
THE 1ST MONDAY OF
EACH MONTH
UNLESS POSTED

DECEMBER CURBSIDE RECYCLING

12/8/25 & 12/22/25

JANUARY CURBSIDE RECYCLING

01/5/26 & 01/19/26

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NOVEMBER 10, 2025 COUNCIL

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Minutes of the October meeting and October 20, 2025 special meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Attorney Matt Gross from Quarnstrom & Doering, P.A. Law Firm was here to introduce himself to the city council. The council approved to appoint Attorney Matt Gross as the Ruthton City Attorney as of January 1, 2026 by M/Sietsema 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

Danny Moffitt was here to again discuss the new concession stand at the ballfield. It was approved to move forward with the building of the concession stand by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

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

The October bills were presented and approved by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.
Receipts = \$80,606.70 Disbursements = \$81,712.73

Effective January 1, 2026 the Minnesota Paid Leave Law goes into effect for all employees including full time, elective officials, fire personnel, first responders, and seasonal employees. Minnesota Paid leave is funded by premiums paid by employees and employers. The initial premium rate is 0.88% of covered wages. The city must cover at least 50 percent of premium costs. After discussion the council approved to pay 50 percent or 0.44% with the remaining 50 percent or 0.44% being paid by employee by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. It was approved to adopt the Minnesota Paid Leave Policy and to update the Personnel Policy by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman /cd unanimously.

Tenure pay was approved for full-time employees with 15 years or more years of employment with the City of Ruthton on November 12, 2024. It was approved to adopt the Employee Service Longevity Policy and to update the Personnel Policy by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. The Employee Service Longevity Policy will be reviewed annually in August.

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 for \$195.00/year. Total cost being \$690.00. After much discussion it was decided to purchase the add-on Direct Pay Module from Banyon for \$690.00 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

Renewal of liquor license's for Stubb's Pub and Sunset Bar & Grill were approved pending proof of liquor liability insurance by M/Peterson 2/ Sietsema/cd unanimously.

A list of people owing delinquent charges was presented to the council. A letter to each delinquent account was mailed on October 16, 2025, notifying them of the delinquent amount and unless paid will be certified on their property taxes as a Special Assessment. A total of two (2) properties will be assessed special assessments for delinquent charges. After discussion it was approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously with Resolution 2025-07 to certify to the Pipestone County Auditor any delinquent charges if not paid on or before November 21, 2025.

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

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY CLERK ROCHELLE WILL BE
OUT OF THE OFFICE:

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 17TH
THRU THURSDAY - DECEMBER 25TH

...NOTICE...

THE CITY OF RUTHTON CAN NOW ACCEPT ACH OR DIRECT PAYMENTS
FOR YOUR WATER BILL STARTING IN JANUARY 2026.

PLEASE STOP DOWN TO THE CITY OFFICE TO SIGN UP.
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A VOIDED CHECK ALONG.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CITY OFFICE
AT (507) 658-3902.

THANK YOU!

...REMINDERS...



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

UPCOMING SNOWFALLS

THE CITY REQUIRES THAT WHEN THERE IS A SNOWFALL IN
EXCESS OF 2" TO REMOVE YOUR VEHICLES FROM THE STREET
AND RIGHT OF WAYS SO DARRIN AND THE COUNTY CAN
CLEAN THE STREETS.

VEHICLES ARE SUBJECT TO TOWING WITHOUT NOTICE IF
THEY ARE NOT REMOVED.

THIS IS PURSUANT TO OF CITY ORDINANCE 71.041

SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

The City of Ruthton service line inventory
is publicly available and you can check the
materials for your service line by visiting
the Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LIT)
at <https://maps.u.edu/LSL>

Or you may also contact the City of
Ruthton at (507) 658-3902 for additional
information.

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR
ASST MAYOR
COUNCIL MEMBERS

Stan Townsend
Darwin Sietsema
Brian Baartman
Chris McCurdy
Stu Peterson
Darrin Haroldson
Rochelle VanderWoude
Casey Fritz

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR
CITY CLERK/TREASURER
FIRE CHIEF

THE CITY OF RUTHTON
WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE
AND HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!