

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 2/16/26 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY.

GARBAGE PICKUP WILL BE TUESDAY 2/17/26 INSTEAD OF 2/16/26 DUE TO PRESIDENT'S DAY.

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

RECYCLING COLLECTION DAYS FOR FEBRUARY
2/2/26 & 2/17/26
FOR MARCH
3/2/26, 3/16/26 & 3/30/26

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JANUARY 5, 2026 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 Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude.

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

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

Organization Resolution 2026-01 was adopted and approved by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY – First Independent Bank
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Tyler Tribute
CITY ATTORNEY – Matt Gross
ASSISTANT MAYOR – Darwin Sietsema

The September 7, 2026 meeting has been changed to September 8, 2026 due to the Labor Day Holiday by M/Baartman 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The December bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.
RECEIPTS = \$203,699.40
DISBURSEMENTS = \$59,325.09

The council approved a donation of \$200.00 for the RTR After-Prom by M/Baartman 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously. The council feels the After-Prom is to provide a safe environment for our young people to go to and that Ruthton really has no place to go.

After receiving some misinformation on ACH payments the council discussed and decided to absorb the ACH fees in the utility account for 2026 by M/Peterson 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The city received a quote for Website Upgrade and New Design. Option 1: You get a new design, and your website gets transferred to the new platform for a one-time cost of \$800.00; or Option 2: You stay on the same design, but your website gets transferred to the new platform, which is a much cheaper option at a one-time cost of \$300.00.

It was approved to go with Option 2 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. The contract costs for the next three years will be \$2170.00 for 2026, \$1870.00 for 2027, and \$1870.00 for 2028.

The meeting went into closed session for employee reviews. Both Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude received a 2.8% wage increase.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm by M/Baartman

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR	Stan Townsend
ASST MAYOR	Darwin Sietsema
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Brian Baartman
	Chris McCurdy
	Stewart Peterson
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR	Darin Haroldson
CITYCLERK/ TREASURER	Rochelle VanderWoude
FIRE CHIEF	Casey Fritz

BRCO FUNDRAISER FOR 4TH OF JULY & SANTA DAY



SUNDAY—MARCH 1, 2026

11 AM—1 PM

...Serving...

Variety of Soups, Grilled Cheese
and Egg Salad Sandwiches,
Assorted Bars, & Drink

FREEWILL DONATION



Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Ruthton Community Center
501 Smith Avenue
Ruthton, MN

Monday, February 16, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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