

APRIL 9, 2024

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

The 2024 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting with the Pipestone County Assessors will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00—7:30 p.m. at the Ruthton Community Center.

A copy of the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Ruthton's drinking water can be read upon request at the City Clerks office or obtained off the city website. The report will not be mailed out.

THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30 PM.

RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR
APRIL
4/1/24, 4/15/24 & 4/29/24
MAY
5/13/24 & 5/28/24

CITY OF RUTHTON

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March 11, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

Stu Peterson was the only one showing interest in filling the council vacancy. M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously to appoint Stu Peterson to fill the council vacancy until the next General Election. Stu Peterson took oath of office.

Minutes of the February meeting was approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The Regular Meeting was closed, and the public hearing opened at 6:31 p.m. The reason for this public hearing was for the updated Floodplain Ordinance. No one from the public attended. The public hearing closed at 6:36 p.m. and the Variance Public Hearing opened.

The reason for this public hearing is for a variance for Lee Eckhoff at 201 Cleveland Street. They need a six-foot (6') variance to the west side of their property to build an 18' x 32' detached garage. No one from the public attended. The variance public hearing closed, and the regular meeting re-opened at 6:40 p.m.

The updated Floodplain Ordinance 154 was adopted by M/Sietsema 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

Summary of Ordinance 154 – A Summary of Ruthton Floodplain Ordinance 154 for publishing was approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

Resolution 2024-05; A Resolution Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Approval for Variance Application of Lee Eckhoff at 201 Cleveland Street-Ruthton, Minnesota was approved by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

A building permit for Lee Eckhoff to build an 18' x 32' detached garage with cement pad at 201 Cleveland Street was approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

A demo permit and building permit for Abel Martinez tear down existing garage and build a 30' x 50' attached garage at 510 Cleveland Street was approved M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

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

The February bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

M/McCurdy 2/Sietsema/cd Baartman abstained to approve the Small Cities Development Program Grant Cooperative Agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2024

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson.

The city council met to select an engineer to represent the City of Ruthton for civil engineering and related services in compliance with Federal and State requirements. Resolution 2024-06; A Resolution Selecting Bollig Engineering as Consultant for The Drinking Water System and Other Infrastructure Improvements in The City of Ruthton, Minnesota was approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. by M/McCurdy 2/Peterson/cd.

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STATE WIDE

TORNADO DRILL DAY -

THURSDAY APRIL 11th

THERE WILL BE TWO STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILLS DONE ON THIS DAY.

THE 1ST ONE WILL HAPPEN AT 1:45 PM. BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRACTICE EMERGENCY PLANS AT THIS TIME.

THE 2ND ONE WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:45 PM. FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRACTICE EMERGENCY PLANS WITH THEIR KIDS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.severeweather.state.mn.us

RABIES CLINIC

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM



OLD RUTHTON FIRE HALL

REMEMBER TAGS ARE NOW \$15.00 PER ANIMAL. THE TAGS ARE GOOD FOR 3 YEARS TO COINCIDE WHEN YOUR ANIMALS GET THEIR RABIES VACCINATION.

LICENSES CAN NOW BE APPLIED FOR ON-LINE.

PLEASE CALL THE CITY OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



RUTHTON FIREMANS

RELIEF ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER



SERVING:

PORK SANDWICHES, POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, ICE CREAM

SERVING FROM

5:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

FREEWILL DONATION



If you own a golf cart and plan on driving it around town, you now **MUST** have a permit for the golf cart according to Ruthton City Code 73.08.

You will need proof of insurance in order to obtain a permit.

The cost of the permit is \$15.00

Please come to the city clerks office to obtain a permit or apply for one on-line.

Golf Cart Permits need to be renewed annually.

FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS

APRIL 29TH - MAY 10TH.

The hydrants will be flushed during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during these two weeks. The flushing is a necessary part of an ongoing program of water main and hydrant maintenance. Citizens are advised to refrain from using water when you see a hydrant being flushed in your area. The water is safe to drink, however you should not wash clothes because the disturbed sediments from the water lines could cause red water and stain clothing. If this should happen, please run your water until it clears up.

...STARTING IMMEDIATELY...

DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED WET SEASON, WE NEED THE PUBLIC'S HELP WITH THE SUMP PUMPS. SUMP PUMPS NEED TO BE ROUTED OUTSIDE AND **NOT** INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. THIS IS ACCORDING TO RUTHTON CITY CODE #51.080. DARRIN MAY BE COMING AROUND TO DO HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE TALK TO DARRIN, OR ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE COMPANY FOR SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE.

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR: STAN TOWNSEND CITY CLERK/TREASURER: ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

COUNCIL MEMBERS: DARWIN SIETSEMA BRIAN BAARTMAN CHRIS MCCURDY STU PETERSON PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: DARRIN HAROLDSON

FIRE CHIEF: CASEY FRITZ

City Wide Clean-Up

ONE WEEK ONLY!

MAY 13 – 18, 2024

HOURS AT BURN SITE

MAY 13 - 17

Call Darrin (507)828-8690

MAY 18

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ALL ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE BURN SITE.

THERE WILL BE A TRUCK FOR METAL AND A TRUCK FOR WOOD.

THESE ITEMS ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED IN DUMPSTER:

NO PAINT...TOXIC MATERIALS
OILS...BATTERIES...HOUSEHOLD
GARBAGE...MATTRESSES AND BOXSPRINGS

CITY LIMIT

RESIDENTS ONLY
WITH CITY GARBAGE
SERVICE.

NO COMMERCIAL

CLEAN-UP AT THE BURN SITE IS A FREE SERVICE TO THOSE WITH A GARBAGE ACCOUNT. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF TWO (2) PICK-UP LOADS PER HOUSEHOLD.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

APPLIANCES-ELECTRONICS-TIRES WILL BE PICKED UP AT CURBSIDE ONLY. THERE IS A FEE FOR DISPOSAL (see prices below) AND MUST BE PAID FOR AT THE CITY OFFICE BEFORE PICKUP.

NO RV APPLIANCES OR RV ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

APPLIANCES:

Small Appliances	\$10.00
Air Conditions	15.00
De-Humidifiers	15.00
Dishwashers	15.00
Furnaces	15.00
Garbage Disposals	15.00
Heat Pumps	15.00
Humidifiers	15.00
Microwaves	15.00
Refrigerator/Freezers	15.00
Stoves/Ranges	15.00
Trash Compactors	15.00
Washer/Dryers	15.00
Water Coolers	15.00
Water Softeners	15.00

ELECTRONICS:

Small Electronics	\$10.00
Exercise Machines	20.00
Monitors	20.00
Printers/Scanners/Copiers	25.00
Stereo's/DVD's/VCR's	20.00
Flatscreens/Plasmas	10.00
Tube TV's	20.00
Projection/Counsels	20.00
Vacuums	10.00

TIRES:

WITHOUT RIMS -	
Car/Small Truck	\$5.00
Pickups 16" & 17"	6.00
WITH RIMS -	
Car/Small Truck	\$6.00
Pickups 16" & 17"	8.00

NO LARGE TRUCK, TRACTOR,

AND INDUSTRIAL TIRES

WILL BE PERMITTED!

...NOTICES...

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE CITY ABOUT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Ruthton City Ordinance requires owners and occupants of all residential and commercial property within the City of Ruthton to keep their properties free and clear of weeds, rubbish, debris, and junk.
- The ordinance applies to the condition of the property AND the condition and state of repair of structures on the property.
- Most Property Maintenance Area(s) of Concern includes but is not limited to:
 - * Abandoned/Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicle on Private Property
 - * Storing a Commercial Vehicle in a Residential Area
 - * Parking in Front Yards
 - * Grass Exceeding 12"
 - * Weeds, Trees, Vines, Overgrown Brush
 - * Fences/Hedges/Trees Obstructing Traffic View (Line of Sight)
 - * Peeling, Chipped or Cracked Paint
 - * Structural Violations - Doors, Window, Shutters, Roof, Siding, etc.
 - * Debris Located in the Street or the Public Right of Way
 - * Pet Waste
 - * Solid Waste or Recycling Containers being stored in Public Right of Way for more than 24 hours
- Help your neighbors, friends, family and those in need with their property if they may have a violation condition present.

HOMEOWNERS CLEANING UP THEIR PROPERTIES, THE CITY IS ASKING THAT
YOU PLEASE CONTINUE.

LET'S TAKE ACTION!

THANK YOU!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CAN BE TAKEN
TO 718 4TH ST N.W. IN PIPESTONE EVERY
WEDNESDAY FROM 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY UNLICENSED
VEHICLES IN YOUR YARDS OR ON THE STREETS,
THEY NEED TO BE LICENSED OR TAKEN CARE OF
IMMEDIATELY.