

APRIL 15, 2025

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

A copy of the 2024 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
4/14/25 & 4/28/25
MAY
5/12/25 & 5/27/25

CITY OF RUTHTON

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March 10, 2025 - 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 were Terry Baumgard, Glen Petersen, Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude.

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

Minutes of the February meeting was approved by M/Petersen 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Terry Baumgard was invited to the meeting along with City Attorney Glen Petersen to discuss purchasing Terry's property along Norway Street for the potential site for the new water tower. After some discussion, Terry stated that he would not take less than \$50,000.00 for the property. Discussion was immediately over, and no other action was taken.

Blighted properties were discussed with City Attorney Glen Petersen.

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/Sietsema 2/Peterson/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$13,674.57 Disbursements = \$22,162.11

It was approved to sign two (2) Good Neighbor Agreements with Box Car Wind for ground that surrounds the Well-site and the Sewer Ponds by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. The city will receive \$1,000.00 each year during development and project operations.

A donation was received and accepted for the Cemetery Fund by the Marilyn Peters family by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer



RABIES CLINIC

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

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.



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 28TH - MAY 9TH.

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.

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

...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 Wide Clean-Up

ONE WEEK ONLY!

MAY 12 - 17, 2025

HOURS AT BURN SITE

MAY 12 - 16

Call Darrin (507)828-8690

MAY 17

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 13, 2025

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/Counselfs	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 Vehicles including trailers and campers 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

LAST YEAR WE GOT A GREAT START TO HOMEOWNERS STARTING TO CLEAN-UP THEIR PROPERTIES. THE CITY IS ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE CONTINUE.

LETTERS OF VIOLATION WILL BE GOING OUT SOON FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. AFTER MAY 12, 2025 THE COUNCIL WILL STEP IN AND START THE PROCESS AGAIN TO GET YOU IN COMPLIANCE!

LET'S TAKE ACTION!

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.