

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 9/2/2024, GARBAGE PICK-UP WILL BE ON TUESDAY 9/3/24.

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 9/2/24 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

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

AUGUST RECYCLING DAYS

8/5/24 & 8/19/24

SEPTEMBER RECYCLING DAY

9/3/24, 9/16/24 & 9/30/24

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JULY 8, 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, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Matt Taubert and Darrin Haroldson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

Accountant Matt Taubert from Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. was here for Ruthton's 2023 Audit Report. The city received a clean audit opinion. The council approved the Journal Entries for the beginning of the year by M/Baartman 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously. The council accepted the 2023 Audit Report by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

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

Two (2) bids were received for tree work to be done around town from Lamote Tree Service for \$2000.00 and from Serreyn Tree Service for

\$2275.00. After discussion it was approved to have Lamote Tree Service come in and do the tree work by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The June bills were presented and approved by M/Peterson 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Renewal of liquor license for Stubb's Pub was approved pending proof of liquor liability insurance by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

It was approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously to purchase and renew CD's as they mature to the best rate.

The council discussed and the decision was made that this year's fall cleanup will be the last one held. The city will continue to do the spring clean-up annually.

The Country Church has generously offered to purchase and donate 12 American Flags for the Ruthton Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

REMINDER

IF YOU PLAN ON DOING ANY BUILDING OR IMPROVEMENTS, PLEASE PLAN AHEAD.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE \$50.00, REQUIRED AND NEED TO BE APPROVED BEFORE THE PROJECT STARTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS. THE COST OF AN AFTER-THE-FACT BUILDING PERMIT IS \$100.00.

THANK YOU!

CITY CLERK (ROCHELLE) WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE AUGUST 20TH - 26TH RETURNING AUGUST 27TH.

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR:

STAN TOWNSEND

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARWIN SIETSEMA

BRIAN BAARTMAN

CHRIS McCURDY

STU PETERSON

CITY CLERK/TREASURER:

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

DARRIN HAROLDSON

FIRE CHIEF:

CASEY FRITZ

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

The Fall City Wide Cleanup has been scheduled for September 6th & 7th, 2024. This is a Friday & Saturday event ONLY.

THIS IS FOR CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS ONLY WITH CITY GARBAGE SERVICE.

NO COMMERCIAL
WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All items must be brought to the burn site located 1/2 mile west of the cemetery.

You will have to haul your own trash to the site.

There will be someone at the site to help with the unloading.

There will be a truck for metal.

<u>HOURS AT BURN SITE</u>	
SEPT 6TH	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CALL DARRIN AT (507) 828-8690 TO MEET OUT AT THE BURN SITE.	
SEPT 7TH	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SOMEONE WILL BE OUT THERE ALL DAY.	

NO household garbage will be accepted.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST FALL CITY CLEAN-UP.

THE CITY WILL CONTINUE THE SPRING CLEAN-UPS ANNUALLY.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

BLOOD DRIVE

RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER

MONDAY - AUGUST 19, 2024

12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Donors who refer/take a friend, who donates are eligible for a Dairy Queen gift card, by way of a drawing at the end of the blood drive.

Contact Shelli DeRuyter (507) 347-3237 to make your appointment.

RUTHTON FARMER'S MARKET

Every Thursday

4:30 - 7:00

East side of The Local

HONEY PRODUCE BREAD

RE: Discuss with City Attorney the Issues of City Property Encroaching the Ruthton Express and Abatement Nuisance Action

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members in attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, and Chris McCurdy, Absent was Stu Peterson. Also in attendance was Glen Petersen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

City Attorney Glen Petersen was here to discuss the issues of city property encroaching the Ruthton Express property and abatement nuisance action procedures.

After reviewing the License Agreement prepared by the attorney of Annapurna LLC (Ruthton Express) the council was not comfortable with a five (5) year commitment for a license. Reasons being the ballfield gets used often and the city wants to keep the ballfield. The city is also under contract for the solar garden until 2037. After much discussion it was approved to sign a quitclaim deed in exchange for two (2) separate easements, and to authorize Mayor Stan Townsend and City Clerk/Treasurer Rochelle VanderWoude to sign the agreements on the City of Ruthton's behalf by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously as long as long as Annapurna LLC approves the easements over the license. The first easement will be the Ballfield Easement and would authorize the City of Ruthton to continue the current use as a ballfield. If that use discontinues for a period of five (5) years or more the easement would lapse. The second easement will be the Solar Garden Easement and it would be a 50-year easement to keep the solar site at its present location. This would allow the city to honor its present commitment and get long-term benefits from the development. After 2037 the city would agree that if the solar site is discontinued for more than one (1) year meaning no electric generation, that they would agree to remove or relocate the solar site.

Abatement Nuisance Action procedures were also discussed. It was decided to send the homeowners a letter requesting they come to the August 12, 2024 council meeting to talk about the status of their house.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by M/Sietsema 2/Townsend/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE

The city has received numerous complaints of dogs running at large, barking dogs, dogs doing their business on other homeowners property, and dogs getting into garbage and damaging gardens. The Ruthton City Code §91.02 (A) and §91.07 (A), (B), and (C) states:

§91.02 (A) Running at Large is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

§91.07 (A) Habitual Barking. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than one minute of interruption. The barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.

§91.07 (B) Damage to Property. It shall be unlawful for any person's dog or other animal to damage any lawn, garden, or other property, whether or not the owner has knowledge of the damage.

§91.07 (C) Cleaning up Litter. The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner whether on their own property, on the property of others or on public property.