

JUNE 6, 2023

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY 6/19/2023 IN
OBSERVANCE OF
THE JUNETEENTH
HOLIDAY.

GARBAGE PICKUP
WILL BE TUESDAY
6/20/23 INSTEAD OF
6/19/23 DUE TO THE
JUNETEENTH
HOLIDAY.

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY 7/4/2023 IN
OBSERVANCE OF
THE 4TH OF JULY
HOLIDAY.

THE JULY COUNCIL
MEETING WILL BE
HELD MONDAY 7/10/23
AT 6:30 PM INSTEAD OF
7/3/23 DUE TO THE
4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

CITY OF RUTHTON

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MAY 1, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members in attendance were Kathy Rupp, Darwin Sietsema, Chris McCurdy, and Brian Baartman. Also in attendance were Jessica Foley, Kristie Lungberg, and Darrin Haroldson.

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

Minutes of the April meeting and the April 13, 2023 Board of Review meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Jessica Foley and Kristie Lundberg from Development Services Inc. (DSI) came to discuss the Small Cities Development Grant Program with Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab and Rental Housing Rehab. NO commercial rehab will be offered with this program. There will be NO target area in this program as Ruthton is under 5000 in population. There are possibilities that this grant program will be paired with the Public Facilities Infrastructure Grant or with a surrounding community. Questions need to be answered from Bollig Engineering before the city can decide what possibility to go with. If the city proceeds, it would cost up to \$8400.00. The breakdown is \$1800.00 for the Community Interest Assessment, \$2800.00 Preliminary Proposal and Building Construction Assessment, and \$3800.00 for the Full Application. After much discussion the city approved to move forward and have DSI conduct the Community Interest Assessment for \$1800.00 by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously. The money will be paid by the Rehab Fund.

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

Two (2) bids were obtained to replace the lighting system in the Ruthton Bus Garage from Houelog Electric for \$2737.45 and from Efficient Electric for \$3631.00. After much discussion it was approved to go with the Efficient Electric for \$3631.00 by M/Townsend 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. The council stated both electricians are very good and just want each of them to get business from the city.

No bids have been received for replacing the roof at the Ruthton Bus Garage. M/Sietsema 2/Rupp/cd unanimously to have Mayor Stan Townsend to obtain specs for the replacement project. Ads will be put in the area newspapers to find someone to do this project.

A building permit renewal for Brian Bahner for siding and window replacement at 521 Leo Avenue was approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Demo permits for Shawn Johnson to tear down the south lien of Eagle Ridge Repair at 531 Smith Avenue and for Amy Reece to tear house down at 1000 Leo Avenue were approved by M/Baartman 2/Rupp/cd unanimously.

The April bills were presented and approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd.

The council discussed the possibility of allowing chickens and bees within city limits. Many cities have enacted similar ordinances regulating the number chickens and bees allowed, prohibiting roosters, and outlining requirements for the coop and yard. The council will review sample ordinances to come up with a plan the suits the city. This issue was tabled until next month.

It was approved to issue a new liquor license to Lorrissa Lingen for the Sunset Bar & Grill pending proof of liquor liability insurance by M/Rupp 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The council briefly discussed the implication of the Juneteenth Holiday and their ability to not conduct business that day. They will continue to monitor the situation and comply with any decisions made by the state government.

It was discussed and approved to purchase two (2) six-foot surfaced-mount Champion Heavyweight benches for \$958.85 each and two (2) 20-gallon Round Slatted Trash Receptacles for \$428.85 each plus shipping for the Memorial Park by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. In December of 2020 the BRCO donated \$500.00 to go towards a park bench.

It was discussed and approved to spend up to \$2500.00 for a 42" Cub Cadet lawn mower for the cemetery by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd. Rupp abstained.

Mayor Stan Townsend made a proclamation that the month of May 2023 as Poppy Month in the City of Ruthton and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy during this month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. by M/Sietsema 2/Rupp/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

...REMINDERS...

CITY OF RUTHTON

<u>MAYOR:</u>	<u>CITY CLERK/TREASURE:</u>
STAN TOWNSEND	ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE
<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:</u>
KATHY RUPP	DARRIN HAROLDSON
DARWIN SIETSEMA	<u>FIRE CHIEF:</u>
BRIAN BAARTMAN	CASEY FRITZ
CHRIS MCCURDY	

MOSQUITO SEASON IS UPON US

Anticipating the mosquito problem again this year, Darrin will again be spraying on Tuesday evenings starting about 1 hour before sunset.

Weather permitting—if not it will be done the next permitting night. Citizens might want to close their windows at that time.

A sign will be placed on the sidewalk near the Community Center by 4:00 pm on the days the city will be spraying.

...NOTICES...



ANIMAL LICENSES

Animal licenses are due. Go on the city website to apply for your license(s).

Remember tags are now \$15.00 per animal and the tags are good for 3 years to coincide when your animals get their rabies vaccination. Please call the city office if you have any questions,

Thank You!



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 and drivers license in order to obtain a permit.

The cost of the permit is \$15.00

Please apply for one on-line.

Golf Cart Permits need to be renewed annually.

RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR JUNE

6/12/2023 & 6/26/2023

FOR JULY

7/10/2023 & 7/24/2023

THE WATERTOWER WILL BE INSPECTED BOTH
INSIDE AND OUT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023



SUNDAY - JULY 2ND

CHURCH IN THE PARK

10:00 AM

COFFEE & ROLLS FOR FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY - JULY 4TH

10:00 AM

PARADE LINE-UP

11:00 AM

PARADE

12:30 PM

SAND MONEY PIT AT THE PARK

12:30 PM

REGISTRATION FOR KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

1:00 PM

START TIME FOR KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

LUNCH IN THE PARK FOLLOWING PARADE

- FREE WILL DONATION
- HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS GRILLED BY THE PIPESTONE COUNTY CATTLEMEN ASSOCIATION
- CHIPS, COOKIE, & WATER ALONG WITH PLATES, UTENSILS, NAPKINS, AND CONDIMENTS DONATED BY THE BRCO. WATERMELON DONATED BY COUNTRY CHURCH

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

CAR SHOW 10 AM - 2 PM

1:30 PM BEAN BAG
TOURNAMENT - CONTACT
BRENT DAGEL AT 507-215-1261

PETTING ZOO

BINGO