

March 12, 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 the Ruthton Community Center from 7:00—7:30 pm.

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

RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR  
MARCH  
3/4/24 & 3/18/24  
APRIL  
4/1/24, 4/15/24 & 4/29/24

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## FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, and Chris McCurdy. Also in attendance were Jessica Foley, Laura Ostlie, and Darrin Haroldson.

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

Minutes of the January meeting were approved by M/Baartman 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Rupp submitted a letter of resignation on January 26, 2024 effective immediately due to health issues. The council regretfully accepted her resignation with Resolution 2024-04; A Resolution Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The regular meeting closed, and the public hearing opened at 6:31 p.m. Jessica Foley of Development Services Inc. (DSI) congratulated the council on having a competitive application and making it to the next round. She reviewed the proposed activities, location, overall cost, and proposed financing with Small Cities Development grant. She also reviewed the implementation schedule, past performance of the proposed staff to carry out the project, and compliance with historic requirements. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m. and the regular meeting re-opened.

Housekeeping items needed to be completed following the public hearing with DSI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure statements were discussed and signed by one (1) council member. Motion by McCurdy 2/Sietsema/cd to approve DSI to move forward with the final application and authorize the mayor to sign the grant application form when it is completed. Resolution 2024-03; Local Government Resolution was approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd. Motion by Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd to move forward with the request for proposals for administrative services.

Laura Ostlie from Bollig Engineering was here to talk to the council about Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (CDSR). The federal legislature is planning on accepting requests for CDSR applications. Bollig would prepare an FY 2025 request and help submit it on the city's behalf for \$2500.00. It

was approved to sign Task Order #4 authorizing Bollig Engineering prepare and submit the CDSR Application for \$2500.00 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

To accept grant awards from federal and state sources the city is at times required to use the Request for Proposal process. M/Baartman 2/Sietsema to move forward with the request for proposals for engineering services. Engineering services will have until 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2024 to submit a Request for Proposal. The city will have a Special Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 to select an engineer.

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

Bids were opened for the selling of the 1979 fire truck. Four (4) bids were received. Bids were received from Henry Sankey for \$2550.00; Al Winters for \$2501.00; Jeremy Reber for \$2676.00; and from Mark Hurd for \$1449.00. The council approved to accept the bid of \$2676.00 from Jeremy Reber by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

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

It was approved to have Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. to conduct the city's annual audit for 2023 for \$7800.00 by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The council reviewed an updated draft of the personnel policy. After discussion it was approved to adopt the updated personnel policy by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude  
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## RABIES CLINIC

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM

OLD RUTHTON FIRE HALL

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
THIS DAY!

REMEMBER:

ALL DOGS & CATS NEED THEIR  
ANNUAL PET LICENSE & TAGS



Remember that it is  
cheaper to purchase a  
license than to get  
your animal out of the  
pound.

THE CITY OF RUTHTON IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH WESTERN VETERINARY CLINIC OF  
TYLER DOES THIS FOR YOUR  
CONVENIENCE AND WE WOULD LIKE A  
LARGE AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION.

SECTION 91.02 of the RUTHTON CITY  
CODE STATES:

All **DOGS & CATS** over the age of six  
months kept, harbored, or maintained by  
their owners in the city, shall be licensed  
and registered with the city.

# SPRING CITY CLEANUP

MAY 13 - 18, 2024

CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS  
ONLY ON GARBAGE ROUTE!

NO COMMERCIAL

WATCH FUTURE HANDOUTS

FOR MORE DETAILS.

CITY OF RUTHTON

**MAYOR:**

STAN TOWNSEND

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

DARWIN SIETSEMA  
BRIAN BAARTMAN  
CHRIS MCCURDY

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER:**

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

**WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR:**

DARRIN HAROLDSON

**FIRE CHIEF:**

CASEY FRITZ

# ...NOTICE...

...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.

# BRCO FUNDRAISER FOR 4TH OF JULY & SANTA DAY



SUNDAY—APRIL 7, 2024

11 AM—1 PM

...Serving...

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

FREEWILL DONATION

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RUTH-TON FIREMANS

RELIEF ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

RUTH-TON COMMUNITY CENTER

SERVING FROM 5:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

PORK SANDWICHES, POTATO SALAD,

BAKED BEANS, ICE CREAM

AND BEVERAGE

FREEWILL DONATION