

# Ruthton News

## ...NOTICES...

DUE TO THE  
MEMORIAL DAY  
HOLIDAY ON  
MONDAY 5/29/23  
GARBAGE PICKUP  
WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY 5/30/23.

THE CITY OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, 5/29/23  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MEMORIAL DAY

RECYCLING  
COLLECTION FOR  
MAY  
5/1/23, & 5/15/23,  
5/30/23  
JUNE  
6/13/24 & 6/26/23

FLUSHING OF  
HYDRANTS  
WILL CONTINUE  
UNTIL MAY 5TH.

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opportunity provider.

## APRIL 3, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Kathy Rupp, Darwin Sietsema, and Chris McCurdy. Absent was Brian Baartman. Also in attendance were Tami Nelson, Mark Klema, Kris Ambuehl, Dustin Johnson, Adam Johnson and Darrin Haroldson. All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Tami Nelson was here to update the council on the school memorial. She is working on a grant with Box Car Wind. She is asking the city to control the money if the grant would be awarded. The city would have to accept the money as a donation and hold the money for the memorial. M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously to allow this request if it can legally be done. The city clerk will check with the city attorney.

Mark Klema and Kris Ambuehl from Bolling Engineering were here to update the council on the current state of the city's water and wastewater infrastructure. The water main piping was installed in the 1990s and is in good condition. The hydrants are up to standard, but it was recommended to add a valve to each to better manage the flow of water. The service lines may need to be replaced due to build up of sediment over time. The sanitary sewer was installed in 1977 and is in good condition, but some updates have been made to the communications equipment and pumps. The ponds have been freshened up in 2019 and 2020. They explained that televising and water tower inspection reports are the next steps to be taken in order to access funding. These steps need to be taken in order to identify any problems and make repairs where needed. Additionally, they discussed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and Environmental Review (ER) are needed in order to pursue the funding. They explained that the reports would meet the strictest guidelines and would include all of the needs

that have been identified. The cost of these reports will be \$45,000 and explained that any costs incurred can be leveraged against the grant process. It was approved to sign Task Order #2 authorizing Bollig Engineering to prepare Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report in accordance with Rural Development requirements for infrastructure improvements by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

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

The March bills were presented and approved by M/Rupp 2/Sietsema/cd.

The council are talking about updating the welcome sign located on Highway 23. The city is holding a "Design a Welcome sign with logo" contest. The sign will be 3' x 6' x 10'. Deadline to submit your design on June 1, 2023. The winning design will win \$100.00 by M/Sietsema 2/Rupp/cd unanimously. The city is also looking for a 5-member committee to judge the designs.

An 11-month Certificate of Deposit will be opened for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter water meter fees in the amount of \$1245.00 by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The city decided to renew the city's garbage hauling contract with VanDyke Sanitation for three (3) years by M/Rupp 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. The option of renewing this contract for an additional three (3) years providing there are no changes was again included in the contract.

Dustin and Adam Johnson came to the meeting to talk to the council about allowing chickens here in Ruthton. The city will be looking into this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude  
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

# REMINDERS

## SUMP PUMPS

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.

## 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. This will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Weather permitting—if not it will be done the next permitting night. Citizens might want to close their windows at that time.

## BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES - APRIL 13, 2023

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Kathy Rupp, Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, and Chris McCurdy. Also in attendance and participating was Pipestone County Assessor Chris McChesney.

The Board of Review is held for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment for the year 2023. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show just cause for having said assessment corrected. Everybody has a voice as Assessor meetings are held in each unit of government as city's and townships.

Four (4) parcels were reviewed.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude  
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;  
**WHEREAS**, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;  
**WHEREAS**, a nation of peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;  
**WHEREAS**, the red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and  
**WHEREAS**, The America Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of the debt through the distribution of the memorial flower:  
**THEREFORE, I Stan Townsend, Mayor of the City of Ruthton** do proclaim 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.

## 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.

# City Wide Clean-Up

ONE WEEK ONLY!

MAY 8 – 13, 2023

## HOURS AT BURN SITE

MAY 8 - 12

Call Darrin (507)828-8690

MAY 13

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 GARABAGE ACCOUNT. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF TWO (2) PICK-UP LOADS PER HOUSEHOLD.

## TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

**APPLICANCES-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
<b><u>NO LARGE TRUCK, TRACTOR, AND INDUSTRIAL TIRES WILL BE PERMITTED!</u></b>	