

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY 11/28/24 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

THE DECEMBER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER RECYCLING DAYS

11/11/24 & 11/25/24

DECEMBER RECYCLING DAYS

12/9/24 & 12/23/24

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OCTOBER 15, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Don & Cilla Hughes, Glen Petersen, Kaitlyn Gleis, and Darrin Haroldson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

Don & Cilla Hughes from Buffalo Ridge State Agency were here to discuss the renewal application for the city's insurance. A waiver limit form from LMCIT (League of MN Cities Insurance Trust) for liability coverage was discussed and needs to be signed yearly. It was decided to DO NOT WAIVE by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. The renewal application was approved by M/Peterson 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

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

It was approved to update the Kamstrup meter hardware and software for reading meters for \$3190.00 by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

The back parking lot at the Community Center is in need of replacement. Two (2) bids were received to replace 6342 square feet from Steenstra Brothers Construction for \$54,142.50 and from Martinez Contracting for \$54,400.00. It was approved to accept the bid from Steenstra Brothers Construction for \$54,142.50 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

A building permit for Brian Bahner for a 21' x 31' concrete pad with 20' x 30' steel carport at 521 Leo Avenue was approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The September bills were presented and approved by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$24,268.80
Disbursements = \$26,693.82

Administrative Notice of Violation of City Codes and Required Action for Abatement of Violations were sent out to Clara Haase & Rodney Hartson for Violation 90.18, 90.20, and 92.16(c) - Junk Motor, Inoperable Vehicles(s) and Public Nuisance Affecting Health; Violation 92.21(a) and 92.21(b) (3) - Building Maintenance and Appearance; Violation of Minnesota Statute 463.15 - Building Maintenance and Appearance at 410 Cleveland Street; and to Byron & Bonnie Stelton for Violation 92.18(H) Nuisance Affecting Peace and Safety to public service vehicles at 451 Evans Street. The notices were sent out on September 11, 2024. Both parties had 20 days to rectify the violations or come to the meeting tonight. Neither of the parties showed up to this meeting. Attorney Glen Petersen was here to discuss with the council the next steps that need to be taken to resolve these issues. It was approved to sign Abatement Order to Clara Haase & Rodney Hartson for Violations 90.18, 90.20, 92.16(c), 92.21(a) and 92.21(b)(3) by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. Violation of Minnesota Statute 463.15 was tabled. It was approved to sign Abatement Order to Byron & Bonnie Stelton for Violation 92.18(H) by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. These orders will be hand delivered by the Pipestone County Sheriff's Department.

The meeting went into closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss issues requested by City Clerk/Treasurer Rochelle VanderWoude.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

...NOTICES...

UPCOMING SNOWFALL

THE CITY **REQUIRES** PER ORDINANCE 71.04 THAT WHEN THERE IS A SNOWFALL IN EXCESS OF 2" OR MORE, TO PLEASE REMOVE ALL VEHICLES FROM THE STREETS SO DARRIN AND THE COUNTY CAN CLEAN THE STREETS OFF.

FALLEN LEAVES

THERE WILL BE NO BURNING OF LEAVES THIS YEAR IN THE CITY LIMITS OF RUTHTON. PLEASE BAG YOUR LEAVES AND PUT THEM BY THE CURB. DARRIN WILL BE AROUND TO PICK UP THE BAGS.

...MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN
SATURDAY - DECEMBER 14, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER



LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING AND THE PLOWING OF SNOW DRAWING NEAR, WE WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE CURB STOP FOR YOUR WATER IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO MARK THE CURB STOP TO TRY TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING BENT OR BROKEN OFF. IF YOU NEED HELP IN LOCATING YOUR CURB STOP, PLEASE GIVE DARRIN A CALL AT (507) 828-8690.
THANK YOU!

THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE OPEN FROM OCTOBER 15TH - APRIL 15TH WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS 40 DEGREES OR BELOW AND THE POWER HAS BEEN OUT FOR 4 HOURS OR MORE.

FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS

NOVEMBER 14 -
NOVEMBER 21, 2024

The hydrants will be flushed during the hours of 7:30 am - 4:00 pm on these days. 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.

FLUSHING TO BE DONE ON
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,
AND FRIDAYS

LOW INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE

RUTHTON REVOLVING 4% LOANS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR REHAB, REMODEL, OR NEW BUILDING. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE SMALL CITIES GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM COMING NEXT FEBRUARY. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE STOP BY THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE TO PICKUP AN APPLICATION.

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR

Stan Townsend

ASST MAYOR

Darwin Sietsema

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Brian Baartman

Chris McCurdy

Stu Peterson

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR

Darrin Haroldson

CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Rochelle VanderWoude

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