

# Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES

**DUE TO THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 10/9/23 GARBAGE PICKUP WILL BE ON TUESDAY 10/10/23.**

**THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 M.**

**FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS**

**OCTOBER 2 - 13, 2023  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**OCTOBER RECYCLING DAYS**

**10/2/23, 10/16/23  
& 10/30/23**

**NOVEMBER RECYCLING DAYS**

**11/13/23 & 11/27/23**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The council graciously accepted a donation of \$62,000.00 from Aetna Township for assistance in purchasing a new fire truck with Resolution 2023-05 by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The council graciously accepted a donation of \$25,000.00 from Ellsborough Township for assistance in purchasing a new fire truck with Resolution 2023-05 by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Jessica Foley from Development Services Inc. (DSI) with an update on the interest statements that were sent out. 27 owner-occupied and four (4) rental interest statements were returned. She recommended moving forward with the housing component along with the infrastructure portion of the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant preliminary application. It was approved to move forward with the SCDP grant application by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

Public Works Supervisor, Darrin Haroldson gave the council his report for the month of August and answered the council's questions.

Two (2) bids were received for the removal of three (3) Pine trees and one (1) Ash tree located at the City Cemetery, the removal of one (1) Box Elder tree located on Evans Street, the removal of

one (1) Ash tree located on Leo Avenue, the removal of one (1) Ash tree located in the City Park, and the grinding of seven (7) stumps, along with the trimming of a row of Ash trees located by the Ballfield and a row of trees along Gilbertson Avenue. Bids were received from Serreyn Tree Service for \$2,850.00 and from LaMote Tree Service for \$3,100.00. After discussion it was decided to accept the Serreyn Tree Service bid of \$2,850.00 by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Two (2) bids were received to replace the roof on the Bus Garage from Nick Spoelstra Construction for \$14,000.00 and from Reber Construction for \$7,500.00. The materials bid for this project is \$14,229.50 from Tinklenberg Lumber. After discussion it was decided to accept the labor bid from Reber Construction for \$7,500.00 and the Tinklenberg Lumber materials bid of \$14,229.50 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

Two (2) bids were received to repair and replace the roof of the big room at the Community Center from Nick Spoelstra Construction for \$17,500.00 and from Reber Construction for \$12,500.00. The materials bid for this project is \$16,872.32 from Tinklenberg Lumber. After discussion it was decided to accept the labor bid from Reber Construction for \$12,500.00 and the Tinklenberg Lumber materials bid of \$16,872.32 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

Fireman, Darrin Haroldson informed the council that the Fire Department has voted on Michelle Johnson onto the department. The city approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

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

The 2024 Police Contract was discussed. There is a \$21.60 per resident increase. The total cost shall not exceed \$14,560.00. The city will be receiving a Public Safety Aid of \$9,802.00 to assist with this increase. After discussion it was approved to sign the 2024 Police Contract by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

It was discussed and decided NOT to increase the utility rates for 2024 by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

It was discussed and decided NOT to increase the Fee Schedule for 2024 by M/Baartman 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

It was discussed and decided to increase the 2024 Levy 2% by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The 2024 budget was approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd.

Rochelle VanderWoude  
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

**CITY OF RUTHTON**  
**MAYOR:**  
 STAN TOWNSEND  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
 KATHY RUPP  
 DARWIN SIETSEMA  
 BRIAN BAARTMAN  
 CHRIS MCCURDY  
**CITY CLERK/TREASURER:**  
 ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE  
**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**  
 DARRIN HAROLDSON  
**FIRE CHIEF:**  
 CASEY FRITZ

# NOTICES

## LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING AND THE PLOWING OF SNOW DRAWING NEAR, WE WANT 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 CALL THE CITY OFFICE AT 658-3902.

## FALLEN LEAVES

THERE WILL BE NO BURNING OF LEAVES AGAIN 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.

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.

## CLEARING THE STREETS

THE CITY COUNCIL IS ASKING THAT ALL CAMPERS AND VEHICLES BE REMOVED FROM THE STREETS BY NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

## YARD WASTE

THE CITY IS ASKING THAT YOU LIMITED THE WEIGHT OF YOUR YARD WASTE TO 30 LBS. PER BAG.

YARD WASTE INCLUDES LAWN CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, AND APPLE PEELING, ETC.

THANK YOU!

## HUNTERS/HARVEST BREAKFAST

THE RUTHTON FIRE RELIEF WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL HUNTERS/HARVEST BREAKFAST

RUTHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023  
7:00 AM—1:00 PM

SERVING:  
BISCUITS & GRAVY, PANCAKES,  
FRENCH TOAST, EGGS, SAUSAGE,  
MILK, OJ, AND COFFEE  
ALSO SERVING GLUTEN-FREE  
FRENCH TOAST

ADULTS \$8.00  
KIDS \$5.00  
5 & UNDER EAT FREE