

March 3, 2026

# Ruthton News

## ...NOTICES...

The 2026 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting with the Pipestone County Assessors will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at the Ruthton Community Center from 7:00—7:30 pm.

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

**RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR**  
**MARCH**  
3/2/26, 3/16/26 & 3/30/26  
**APRIL**  
4/13/26 & 4/27/26

### CITY OF RUTHTON

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## FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, and Chris McCurdy. Absent was Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

A building permit for Beva Vos to reside house to vinyl siding from wood siding at 450 Cleveland Street was approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The January bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. RECEIPTS = \$14,668.97 DISBURSEMENTS = \$21,710.81

It was approved to have Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. To conduct the city's annual audit for 2025 for \$9480 by M/McCurdy 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

In consideration of all the many years and countless hours Darwin Zingelman has given the City of Ruthton at the Ruthton City Cemetery it was decided to waive the perpetual care fee for him by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude  
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

### ASH TREE MAINTENANCE

WITH THE ASH BORE DISEASE CREEPING TOWARDS OUR AREA THE CITY WILL BE REMOVING 10 BOULEVARD ASH TREES PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

THERE IS A SIGN-UP LIST IF YOU WANT TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO HAVE A TREE IN THE BOULEVARD REMOVED. ONLY ONE (1) TREE PER PROPERTY A YEAR UNLESS RESIDENTS DO NOT SIGN UP. EVENTUALLY ALL ASH TREES IN BOULEVARDS WILL BE REMOVED AT NO COST TO YOU.

AT LEAST 1 TREE OR 50% OF WHAT IS REMOVED (WHICHEVER IS GREATER) MUST BE REPLANTED. IF THERE IS A CERTAIN TREE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PLANTED IN THE BOULEVARD ONLY, THE CITY OF RUTHTON WILL SPLIT THE COST WITH YOU AND THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO CARE FOR THE TREES AND TRIMMING.

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

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## RABIES CLINIC

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

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 11 - 16, 2026

CITY LIMIT RESIDENTS  
ONLY ON GARBAGE ROUTE!

## NO COMMERCIAL

WATCH FUTURE HANDOUTS  
FOR MORE DETAILS.



### ...REMINDER...

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 in order  
to obtain a permit.

The cost of the permit is \$15.00

Please come to the city clerks office to  
obtain a permit or apply for one on-line.

Golf Cart Permits need to be renewed  
annually.



RUTHTON FIREMANS

RELIEF ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER

SERVING FROM 5:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

PORK SANDWICHES, POTATO SALAD,

BAKED BEANS, ICE CREAM

AND BEVERAGE

FREEWILL DONATION

## ...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** IN-  
TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM. THIS IS ACCORD-  
ING TO RUTHTON CITY CODE #51.080. DARRIN MAY  
BE COMING AROUND TO DO HOUSE TO HOUSE IN-  
SPECTIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
TALK TO DARRIN, OR ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY FOR SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE.

# ...NOTICE...

## FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE CITY ABOUT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Ruthton City Ordinance requires owners and occupants of all residential and commercial property within the City of Ruthton to keep their properties free and clear of weeds, rubbish, debris, and junk.
- The ordinance applies to the condition of the property AND the condition and state of repair of structures on the property.
- Most Property Maintenance Area(s) of Concern includes but is not limited to:
  - \* Abandoned/Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles including trailers and campers on Private Property
  - \* Storing a Commercial Vehicle in a Residential Area
  - \* Parking in Front Yards
  - \* Grass Exceeding 12”
  - \* Weeds, Trees, Vines, Overgrown Brush
  - \* Fences/Hedges/Trees Obstructing Traffic View (Line of Sight)
  - \* Peeling, Chipped or Cracked Paint
  - \* Structural Violations – Doors, Windows, Shutters, Roof, Siding, etc.
  - \* Debris Located in the Street of the Public Right of Way
  - \* Pet Waste
  - \* Solid Waste of Recycling Containers being stored in Public Right of Way for more than 24 hours
- Help your neighbors, friends, family and those in need with their property if they may have a violation condition present.

LAST YEAR WE GOT A GREAT START TO HOMEOWNERS STARTING TO CLEAN-UP THEIR PROPERTIES. THE CITY IS ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE CONTINUE.

LETTERS OF VIOLATION WILL BE GOING OUT SOON FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. AFTER MAY 16, 2026 THE COUNCIL WILL STEP IN AND START THE PROCESS AGAIN TO GET YOU IN COMPLIANCE!

LET'S TAKE ACTION!

THANK YOU!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CAN BE  
TAKEN TO 718 4TH ST N.W. IN PIPESTONE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 7:00 AM—1:00 PM

REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY UNLICENSED  
VEHICLES IN YOUR YARDS OR ON THE STREETS,  
THEY NEED TO BE LICENSED OR TAKEN CARE OF  
IMMEDIATELY.