

APRIL 7, 2026

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

A copy of the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Ruthton's drinking water can be read upon request at the City Clerks office or obtained off the city website. The report will not be mailed out.

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
APRIL
4/13/26 & 4/27/26
MAY
5/11/26 & 5/26/26

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March 2, 2026 - COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Minutes of the February meeting was approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Jordan Odegard, Project Engineer from Bollig Engineering was here to discuss with the council historic water use and to finish some housecleaning items from the Public Hearing. Resolution 2026-02; A Resolution Applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority was approved by M/Peterson 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously. Resolution 2026-03; A Resolution of Adopting the Facilities Plan for the City of Ruthton was approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

March 2, 2026 - Public Hearing Minutes

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Jordan Odegard, Matt Gross, Curt and Deb Baartman, David Steuart, Rebecca Rupp, Jim Rupp, Denny & Jane Fenicle, Deb Gau, Darrin Haroldson, and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the proposed drinking, waste, and storm water infrastructure improvement projects, including economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, and potential funding sources, such as Minnesota Public Facility Authority.

Jordan Odegard, Project Engineer from Bollig Engineering, was here to provide updated information on the upcoming

City Attorney Matt Gross was invited by the council to ask questions about blighted properties, unlicensed and/or junk vehicles, building permits, and water and sewer billing issues.

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

Building permits for Alex Moore to replace roof from shingles to metal at 450 Norway Street and for Chris Bump to build a 16' x 12' deck to front of house at 220 Evans Street were approved by M/Sietsema 2/ McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The February bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$90,650.00 Disbursements = \$92,2264.43

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

infrastructure projects happening here in the City of Ruthton to the council and members of the community. He discussed the old system history and age, the cost of the project and proposed timeline.

Questions from the public were asked and answered. Questions included: What costs are considered non-eligible? What will happen to the wells? Is the city going to be hooking up to rural water? Is there any scrap (salvage) value on old tower? Is enough time being offered from the advertisement for bids, awarding the contracts, and starting construction with the scheduling timeline?

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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RABIES CLINIC



MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

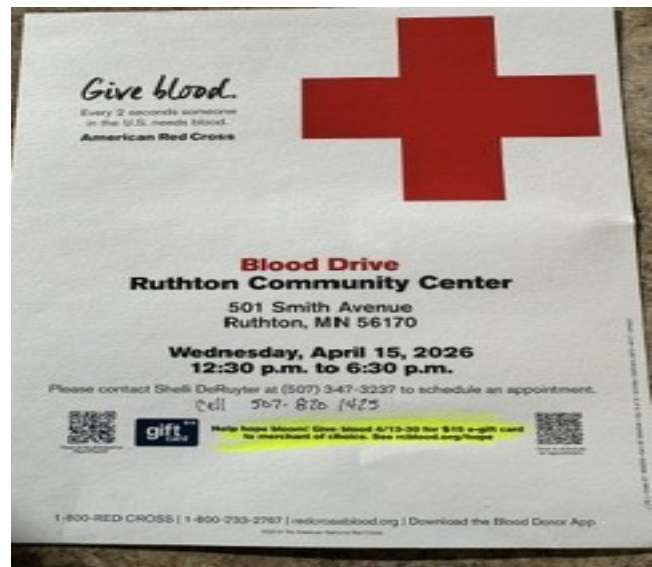
4:00 - 6:00 PM

OLD RUTHTON FIRE

REMEMBER TAGS ARE NOW \$15.00 PER ANIMAL. THE TAGS ARE GOOD FOR 3 YEARS TO COINCIDE WHEN YOUR ANIMALS GET THEIR RABIES VACCINATION.

LICENSES CAN NOW BE APPLIED FOR ON-LINE.

PLEASE CALL THE CITY OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



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.

FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS

APRIL 27TH - MAY 8TH.

The hydrants will be flushed during the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during these two weeks. 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.

...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.



RUTHTON FIREMANS

RELIEF ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

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

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR: STAN TOWNSEND CITY CLERK/TREASURER: ROCHELLE VANDERWOUE

COUNCIL MEMBERS: DARWIN SIETSEMA BRIAN BAARTMAN CHRIS MCCURDY STU PETERSON PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: DARRIN HAROLDSON FIRE CHIEF: CASEY FRITZ

ROCHELLE WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE THURSDAY 4/30/26 & FRIDAY 5/1/26. SHE WILL RETURN MONDAY 5/4/26.

City Wide Clean-Up

ONE WEEK ONLY & ONLY ONE OF THE YEAR!

MAY 11 - 16, 2026

HOURS AT BURN SITE

MAY 11 - 15

Call Darrin (507)828-8690

MAY 16

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

APPLIANCES-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/Counselfs	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

NO LARGE TRUCK, TRACTOR,
AND INDUSTRIAL TIRES
WILL BE PERMITTED!

...NOTICES...

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, Window, Shutters, Roof, Siding, etc.
 - * Debris Located in the Street or the Public Right of Way
 - * Pet Waste
 - * Solid Waste or 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.