

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

DUE TO THE
MEMORIAL DAY
HOLIDAY ON
MONDAY 5/25/26
GARBAGE PICKUP
WILL BE ON
TUESDAY 5/26/26.

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, 5/25/26
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY

RECYCLING
COLLECTION FOR
MAY
5/11/26 & 5/26/26

JUNE
6/8/26 & 6/22/26

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The City of Ruthton is an equal
opportunity provider.

COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2026

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

All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Brian Bollig from Bollig Engineering was here to discuss the Water Tower project and hooking up to Rural Water. Brian Bollig stated that Rural Development is interested in funding the Water Tower project but would like to see Ruthton rehab the tower instead of building a new one. With building a new tower, there is an extensive environmental review process needed to mitigate the old water tower for historical purposes, and the environmental review process may delay the project and cause it to fall outside the Rural Development funding window by rehabbing the tower, no studies would need to be done, and it would be less expensive. After much discussion, the council does not want to jeopardize any funding, it was M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously to rehab the old water tower. Brian Bollig also stated that the city needs to decide on the capacity per day of water to purchase from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Bollig Engineering recommends 50,000 gallons of water per day. After discussion, it was M/McCurdy 2/Baartman/cd unanimously to purchase the capacity of 50,000 per day from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water.

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

The furnace in the shop needs replacement. It was approved to purchase a new one from Dean Brandt Heating and Air Conditioning by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The March bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd. RECEIPTS = \$20,483.70
DISBURSEMENTS = \$31,422.26

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by M/Peterson.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2026

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Stu Peterson and Chris McCurdy. Also in attendance and participating was Pipestone County Assessor Jean Nelson and Pipestone County Deputy Assessor Chris McChesney.

The Board of Review is held for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment for the year 2027. 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.

Three (3) parcels were reviewed.

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by M/Peterson.

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 Monday 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.

GOLF CART PERMITS

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.

ANIMAL LICENSES

Animal licenses are due. Please stop into the city office to renew.

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!

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 2026 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.



<u>CITY OF RUTHTON</u>	
MAYOR: STAN TOWNSEND	CITY CLERK/TREASURE: ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE
COUNCIL MEMBERS: DARWIN SIETSEMA BRIAN BAARTMAN CHRIS MCCURDY STU PETERSON	PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: DARRIN HAROLDSON FIRE CHIEF: CASEY FRITZ

City Wide Clean-Up

ONE WEEK ONLY!

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

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.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

THE CITY HAS NOTICED THAT THERE ARE PROPERTIES THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM SOME UPKEEP. THE CITY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF PROPERTY OWNERS COULD ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO ENSURE A TIDY AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY.

IDEAS FOR UPKEEP COULD INCLUDE:

- * PAINT YOUR HOUSE/SHED/GARAGE
- * REMOVE BROKEN FENCES
- * REPAIR WINDOWS
- * TAKE CARE OF ANY UNLICENCED VEHICLE BY EITHER GETTING THEM LICENCED OR REMOVE FROM CITY LIMITS
- * MOW YOUR LAWNS AND TAKE CARE OF OVERGROWN BRUSH, WEEDS, TREES, AND VINES.

LET'S TAKE PRIDE IN OUR SMALL COMMUNITY!