

July 7, 2026

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

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

RECYCLING COLLECTION

FOR JULY
7/6/26 & 7/20/26

FOR AUGUST
8/3/26, 8/17/26 &
8/31/26

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR:

STAN TOWNSEND

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARWIN SIETSEMA
BRIAN BAARTMAN
CHRIS McCURDY

CITY CLERK/TREASURER:

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

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JUNE 1, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those all in attendance.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved with corrections by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Jason Kloss, Environmental Health Manager from Southwest Health and Human Services, was here to discuss the process of condemning houses here in the City of Ruthton. He said that he is a starting point in the process. He comes in and does sight inspections looking for hazards affecting health and writes letters of recommendation at no cost to the city. The council gave him a couple of addresses, and he went out and did an inspection. He returned to the meeting and noted that both residences had substantial debris but did not see a cause for demolition at this time. He recommended the city to contact our city attorney about what steps the city needs to take next to clean the properties up.

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

Building permits for Yasonary Michelle Johnson to replace shingles with steel at 830 Nelson Avenue and for Jamie Johnson to build a 26' x 30' garage and install a fence form the corner of the house on both the east and west side to the rear set back at 230 Cleveland Street were approved by M/Baartman 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The May bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$123,430.47 Disbursements = \$163,868.05

After discussion, the council decided to rescind the motion to rehab the water tower made at the April 6, 2026 council meeting by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The garbage contract renewal from VanDyke Sanitation was reviewed again. Brad VanDyke, President of VanDyke Sanitation approved the addition of "the contractor will only pick up full additional dumpsters" to the contract. It was approved to sign the 3-year contract by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The council reviewed the proposed 3-year Assessor Contract with Pipestone County. The cost will be \$14.00 per parcel for a total of 247 parcels resulting in an expense of \$3,458.00. A motion to approve and sign the 3-year Assessor Contract with Pipestone County by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Blighted properties were discussed. The city attorney will be notified and letters will be going out soon.

Stop signs will be placed on Leo Avenue going both directions at the corner of Harrison Street by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

WITH THE UNTIMELY
PASSING OF
COUNCILMEMBER
STU PETERSON, THE
CITY OF RUTHTON
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

**FILING FOR CITY COUNCIL OPENS
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the first day for the filing for the Ruthton City Election which will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 is:

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

Affidavits of candidacy for the offices may be filed with the City Clerk at the Ruthton City Office between July 14, 2026 and July 28, 2026. Filings will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2026.

FILING OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

MAYOR	2-YEAR TERM
COUNCIL MEMBER	4-YEAR TERM
COUNCIL MEMBER	4-YEAR TERM

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR:

COUNCIL MEMBER	2-YEAR TERM
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...REMINDERS...



ANIMAL LICENSES

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

There are still a few residents that have not updated animal licenses for their pets. Animal licenses are required per city code 91.02 (B). Please do so ASAP. Letters will be going out soon.

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,

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.

Thank You!



JR LEGION SUB-STATE
TOURNEY



2 ROUNDS WILL BE
PLAYED AT THE RUTHTON
BALL DIAMOND

1ST ROUND:

SUNDAY - TUESDAY

7/19/26 - 7/21/26

2ND ROUND:

SUNDAY - TUESDAY

7/26/26 - 7/28/26