

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY 10/12/26
DUE TO THE
COLUMBUS DAY
HOLIDAY.

DUE TO THE
COLUMBUS DAY
HOLIDAY ON
MONDAY 10/12/26
GARBAGE PICKUP
WILL BE ON
TUESDAY 10/13/26.

SEPTEMBER
RECYCLING DAY

9/14/26 & 9/28/26

OCTOBER
RECYCLING DAYS

10/12/26 & 10/26/26

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

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AUGUST 3, 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, and Dennis Olson. Also in attendance were Jordan Odegard, Darrin Haroldson, and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Dennis Olson took Oath of Office.

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

Jordan Odegard from Bollig was here for an update on the status of the infrastructure project. Work is being done to get a proposal for a Phase I & II architecture-history on the existing water tower. Phase I is the Infrastructure Improvements with include lining 2,800 LF of sanitary sewer, spot repairs of the sanitary sewer in 13 locations, and replacement of a control valve at the WW ponds. Total estimated project cost is \$1.2 million. Design through bidding must be completed prior to receiving funds. \$157,000 is the total cost through bidding. A Minnesota Rural Water Association Loan (MWRA) is a possibility for temporary financing for design, although finance costs may or may not be eligible for Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) funding package through the Clean Water Revolving Fund. Task Order #5 – Phase 1 Infrastructure Improvements for prepare design and bidding documents for Phase 1 Infrastructure Improvements Projects for \$157,000 was presented and approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. The Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Connection was discussed with the connection to the LPRW system, abandonment of municipal well, and watermain reconfiguration outside of the water treatment plant. Total estimated project cost is \$2.2 million. Design through bidding must be completed prior to receiving funds. \$33,000 is the total cost through bidding. A MWRA loan is a possibility for temporary financing for design, although finance costs may or may not be eligible for MPFA funding package through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Task Order #6 – Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Connection for preparing design and bidding documents for the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Connection Project for \$18,000 was presented and approved by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

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

The July financials were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$83,193.71 Disbursements = \$41,641.44

Letters for Blighted Properties & Dangerous Substandard Buildings went out in July. These properties will be looked at again for improvement. Information will be sent to the city attorney.

It was discussed and decided to pre-buy LP from Lakes Gas for the Well-Site, Lift Station and Community Center 1000 gallons at \$1.599/gallon and from CHS 2000 gallons at \$1.50/gallon for the City Shop and Fire Hall by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by M/Townsend

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

...NOTICES...

FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS

SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 2, 2026

The hydrants will be flushed during the hours of 7:30 am - 4:00 pm on these days.

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.

FLUSHING TO BE DONE ON
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,
AND FRIDAYS

LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING US 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 THEM FROM BEING BENT OR BROKEN OFF. IF YOU NEED HELP IN LOCATING YOUR CURB STOP, PLEASE CALL DARRIN AT (507) 828-8690.
THANK YOU!

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

RUTHTON COMMUNITY CENTER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2026
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 \$10.00
KIDS \$5.00

FALLEN LEAVES

THERE WILL BE NO BURNING OF LEAVES
THIS YEAR IN THE CITY LIMITS OF
RUTHTON.

PLEASE BAG YOUR LEAVES AND PUT
THEM BY THE CURB. DARRIN WILL BE
AROUND TO PICK THE BAGS UP.

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR
ASST MAYOR
COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR
CITY CLERK/TREASURER
FIRE CHIEF

Stan Townsend
Darwin Sietsema
Brian Baartman
Chris McCurdy
Dennis Olson
Darrin Haroldson
Rochelle VanderWoude
Casey Fritz