

Ruthton News

...NOTICES...

THE CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY,
10/12/26
IN OBSERVANCE
OF COLUMBUS
DAY

OCTOBER
RECYCLING DAYS

10/12/26 & 10/26/26

NOVEMBER
RECYCLING DAYS

11/9/26 & 11/23/26



AMERICAN RED
CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2026
12:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

RUTHTON
COMMUNITY
CENTER

CITY OF RUTHTON
CONTACT INFORMATION

501 Smith Ave.
PO Box 5
Ruthton, MN 56170

PHONE: (507) 658-3902
FAX: (507) 658-3403

cityofruthton@woodstocktel.net
ruthton-mn.com

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Chris McCurdy, and Dennis Olson. Absent was Brian Baartman. Also in attendance were Terry Baumgard, Kody Burch, Maria Velasquez, Lydia Velasquez, Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

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

Two (2) bids were received for tree work to be done around town from Tree Worx for \$1816.88 and Lamote Tree Service for \$2250.00. After discussion it was approved to have Tree Worx come in and do the tree work by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

A building permit for a 30' x 24' cement apron to back of new shed at 330 Main Street for Troy Baartman was approved by M/Olson 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

The August bills were presented and approved by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$68,816.71 Disbursements = \$94,440.43.

Resolutions 2026-07 through 2026-09; Declaring A Nuisance Property and Ordering Abatement for various properties were waived at this time as the property owners reached out and have been given an extension to cleaning up their properties.

Resolution 2026-10; A Resolution Establishing CSAH Ruthton Concurrence was

approved by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously. This resolution is to designate 231st Street from CSAH to TH23 as County State Aid Highway 11.

A Cost Proposal for a Phase I and Phase II Architectural History Survey for the Water Tower Replacement Project was received. The proposed cost is \$47,793.75. This work needs to be completed prior to receiving funding for the project. It is an expense that is reimbursable once the project is funded. It was approved to sign the Cost Proposal by M/McCurdy 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

The city's \$208,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Note, Series 2026A (MN Rural Water Association Micro-Loan) is being issued with the Public Authority Credit Enhancement Program of the State of Minnesota. It was approved by M/Olson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously to sign the agreement.

Resolution 2026-11; A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of a \$208,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Note, Series 2026A was adopted by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

The 2027 Police Contract was tabled until the October meeting.

The 2027 utility rates were reviewed and discussed. After discussion it was decided NOT to increase the utility rates for 2027 by M/McCurdy 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

The proposed levy was discussed, and it was decided to increase the 2027 Levy 10% by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously. The final levy will be discussed for final approval at the December meeting.

The 2027 Budget was tabled until the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by M/Sietsema.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

...NOTICES...

LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING 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 IT FROM BEING BENT OR BROKEN OFF. IF YOU NEED HELP IN LOCATING YOUR CURB STOP, PLEASE CALL THE CITY OFFICE AT 658-3902.

FALLEN LEAVES

THERE WILL BE NO BURNING OF LEAVES AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THE CITY LIMITS OF RUTHTON. PLEASE BAG YOUR LEAVES AND PUT THEM BY THE CURB. DARRIN WILL BE AROUND TO PICK UP THE BAGS.

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

CLEARING THE STREETS

THE CITY COUNCIL IS ASKING THAT ALL CAMPERS AND VEHICLES BE REMOVED FROM THE STREETS BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026.

YARD WASTE

THE CITY IS ASKING THAT YOU LIMITED THE WEIGHT OF YOUR YARD WASTE TO 30 LBS. PER BAG.

YARD WASTE INCLUDES LAWN CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, AND APPLE PEELING, ETC.

THANK YOU!

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR:

STAN TOWNSEND

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARWIN SIETSEMA

BRIAN BAARTMAN

CHRIS MCCURDY

DENNIS OLSON

CITY CLERK/TREASURER:

ROCHELLE VANDERWOUDE

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

DARRIN HAROLDSON

FIRE CHIEF:

CASEY FRITZ

THE COMMUNITY CENTER
WILL BE OPEN FROM
OCTOBER 15TH - APRIL 15TH
WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS
40 DEGREES OR BELOW AND
THE POWER HAS BEEN OUT
FOR 4 HOURS OR MORE.