NOVEMBER 10, 2026

RUTHTON NEWS

…NOTICES…

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2026 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

THE CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2026 IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

NOVEMBER RECYCLING DAYS

11/6/2026 & 11/23/2026

DECEMBER RECYCLING DAYS

12/7/2026 & 12/23/2026

IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT. THANK YOU!

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OCTOBER 5, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, and Dennis Olson. Absent was Chris McCurdy. Also in attendance were Don & Cilla Hughes, Danny Moffit, Grant Wichmann, Dustin Seiler, Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Don & Cilla Hughes from Hope Mutual were here to discuss with the council the renewal application for Ruthton Municipality insurance coverage. A waiver limit form from LMCIT (League of MN Cities Insurance Trust) for liability coverage was discussed and needs to be signed yearly. It was decided to DO NOT WAIVE by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously. The renewal application was approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

Danny Moffit and Grant Wichmann from RTR Baseball Association were here with a check for the concession stand. They have more fund raising to do to help support the building of the concession stand. They thanked the council for all the hard work they have done on the building, field, and events.

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

The September bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.
Receipts = $29,007.74 Disbursements = $34,049.88

Resolution 2026-07; Declaring A Nuisance Property and Ordering Abatement for Terry Baumgard on two (2) properties was approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Resolution 2026-08; Declaring A Nuisance Property and Ordering Abatement for Kody Burch on one (1) property was approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

The 2027 Police Contract was tabled.

It was discussed and decided to increase the council wages to $150.00 per meeting for the mayor and $125.00 per meeting for the council members by M/Sietsema 2/Olson/cd unanimously. The increase will go into effect on January 1, 2027. Currently the mayor receives $125.00 per meeting and council members receive $100.00 per meeting.

The 2027 Budget was approved by M/Baartman 2/Olson/cd unanimously.

The canvass date for the General Election has been set for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Canvassing must be done 3 – 10 days following an election.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. by M/Townsend.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

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

Public Hearing – October 5, 2026

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, and Dennis Olson. Also in attendance were Jessica Foley and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The reason for the public hearing is a requirement Small City Rehab Grant that the City of Ruthton hold two (2) public hearings. This is the second public hearing. Jessica Foley from DSI (Development Services Inc.) was here to update the city with the progress of the grant. The goal for Ruthton is 10 homes. Currently, we have nine (9) and are looking for one (1) more. There is one (1) year remaining with this program. No one from the public attended.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer

…NOTICES…

UPCOMING SNOWFALL

THE CITY **REQUIRES** PER ORDINANCE 71.04 THAT WHEN THERE IS A SNOWFALL IN EXCESS OF 2" OR MORE, TO PLEASE REMOVE ALL VEHICLES FROM THE STREETS SO DARRIN AND THE COUNTY CAN CLEAN THE STREETS OFF.

LOCATING CURB STOP

WITH WINTER APPROACHING AND THE PLOWING OF SNOW DRAWING NEAR, WE WANTED 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 GIVE DARRIN A CALL AT (507) 828-8690. THANK YOU!

The city branch truck will be put away for the winter before either the 1ST Big Snow Storm or November 15th. Which either one comes first.

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 UP THE BAGS.

…MARK YOUR CALENDARS…



SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN
SATURDAY – DECEMBER 5, 2026
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

RUTHTON COOMMUNITY CENTER

CITY OF RUTHTON

MAYOR	Stan Townsend
ASST MAYOR	Darwin Sietsema
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Brian Baartman
	Chris McCurdy
	Dennis Olson
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR	Darrin Haroldson
CLERK/TREASURER	Rochelle VanderWoude
FIRE CHIEF	Casey Fritz