

CITY OF GHENT  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2024

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Ross Williams, Tim VanKeulen & Zac Boerboom. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc & Public Works Director, Jesse Christianson

**OPEN MEETING:** Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to approve the minutes of the November meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Dawn created a memo to help with the discussion regarding our water/sewer project. This will be added to the end of our agenda. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** No comments were heard.

**LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT:** Deputy Louwagie was present. No concerns.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by VanKeulen to open the public hearing to hear comments on the 2025 levy and budget. All in favor, motion carried. No comments were heard.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by VanKeulen to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #12-10-24-01: FINAL LEVY:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the final levy payable in 2025 at \$205,369.14. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #12-10-24-02: FINAL BUDGET:** A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Williams to approve the final budget at \$342,444.14. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #12-10-24-03: DELEGATING REGISTRATION & LAND ZONING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CANNABIS RETAILERS TO LYON COUNTY:** A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Boerboom to adopt resolution as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**MINNWEST BANK PRESENTATION:** Nicholas Malecek is present with Andrea Carstensen joining on zoom. Council is seeing evidence that the city can achieve higher returns on our cash assets with Minnwest Bank over our current Bremer situation. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to change our financial institution from Bremer Bank to Minnwest Bank. DeRoode, Williams, & Boerboom vote yes, VanKeulen abstained. Motion carried.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council reviewed active cases.

**PERSONNEL POLICY:** Council reviewed the personnel policy. Minor updates not changing the meaning or content were made. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to adopt with edits.

**DESIGNATE A POLLING PLACE:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to designate our polling place as the Lyon County Court House located at 607 W Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258. Noting that our residents vote via mail ballot. All in favor, motion carried.

**TUCKPOINTING QUOTE:** \$43,000. Dawn will do further research on contractors for additional quotes.

**WATER/SEWER PROJECT MEMO:** Council reviewed memo containing current information regarding financing for this project.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminc  
Administrator/Clerk