

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Mike Warren, Tim VanKeulen, Zac Boerboom & Adam DeRoode. 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 VanKeulen to approve the minutes of the January meeting with requested additional information. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS & EXPENSE REPORT: Council reviewed new CD amounts and noted that a fleet inventory has been included for review. The council also discussed rolling over the \$25,000 currently in a CD in the Perpetual Maintenance Fund into a CDARS at Minnwest. A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to approve the claims and expense report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT: Deputy Her was present with monthly report and update on dangerous dog incident.

DANGEROUS DOGS: We had an incident at 112 E Burlingame involving three priorly declared dangerous dogs involved in an attack on a young girl. The City of Minneota has followed up and destroyed two of the dogs. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to seek a summary enforcement order to have the remaining dog destroyed. All in favor, motion carried. Council also discussed following up with fines for having the dogs in Ghent and not allowing this dog owner to have dogs in her possession. Dawn will review our ordinances to see what our actions could be.

WIDSETH: Jeff Kuhn met homeowners and councilmembers on County Rd 5 South before our meeting to view sidewalk placement, tree removals, and drainage concerns in regard to the upcoming water/sewer/street improvements. Bill Maertens, Beth Brewers, Jeff Bossuyt, & Dude Myhre were present to give input as property owners throughout this area. Jeff will continue to work on the plan in cooperation with Lyon County Engineering. Some items of discussion included the possibility of bringing in more mature trees to replace the removals, identifying ash trees, possible wider sidewalk width, & who is responsible for maintenance.

WIDSETH CONTRACT: Jeff also supplied us with a spreadsheet that had broken down figures that were requested by the council.

BOLTON & MENK: Jordan Albrecht & Bill Helget were present to discuss the berm project, grant pursuits, possible trail grant, water/sewer project, pond project, water tower project, & LRIP.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: We will send warnings out to those that have not cleared their sidewalks of snow.

MARCO COPIER: Our lease for our office copier can be updated to a new machine for a lesser price/month. A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren to approve the upgrade. Warren, Boerboom, DeRoode in favor, VanKeulen abstained, motion carried.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE: Council briefly discussed a request to have quail in a residential area of Ghent. This led to a brief discussion about our farm animal ordinance. No vote was taken.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminc
Administrator/Clerk