

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

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

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

APPROVE CLAIMS & EXPENSE REPORT: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the claims and expense report to include the purchase of \$29,000 of CD's with perpetual maintenance funds and a transfer of \$380,000 from our Bremer account to Minnwest. From this date on, we will be paying monthly cell phone reimbursement and QSEHRA to Dawn & Jesse via direct deposit. Dawn will attach a report showing these disbursements with the monthly claim sheet. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

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

DANGEROUS DOGS: We have a hearing scheduled for March 19th @ 3:15 p.m.

WIDSETH: WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Council discussed this opportunity to move some of our electric lines underground during our water/sewer project. Jesse will reach out to Ottetail to see what our options are.

BOLTON & MENK: Jordan Albrecht was present to review the berm project, grant pursuits, pond project, & water tower project. He and Mayor Anderson went to the capital in St. Paul to testify for our special appropriations bill #HF616 in front of the capital improvement committee on March 6th. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to hire Bolten and Menk to start work on preliminary layout and design for the sanitary sewer ponds and give Dawn the authority to select the company the will be doing the soil boring as this will need to take place before crops are planted. All in favor, motion carried. Dawn will also send an invitation to Chris Swedzinski and Gary Dahms to visit our site.

BUDGET 2026: The council reviewed the fleet inventory updated by DeRoode. We also reviewed some fire department budget items and miscellaneous items. Dawn will start inputting this information on the 2026 worksheet.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council discussed complaints regarding the dirt pile of contaminated materials that has been piled behind Ag Plus. Excessive odors have been reported by residents. Dawn will reach out to the Department of Agriculture and Ag Plus contacts to discuss this situation.

ADA RAMP: The City has the funds available to start work on the ADA ramp. Dawn will reconnect with possible contractors to get this project started.

COUNCIL CHAIRS: One of the office chairs used by the council for meetings has broken and is unrepairable. Office One has a sale on chairs. The council discussed replacing the remaining chairs. Doug will stop at their store and check out chair styles.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminc
Administrator/Clerk