

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2024

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Zac Boerboom & Ross Williams. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlamincx - Public Works Director, Jesse Christianson
Absent: Tim VanKeulen,

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 Boerboom and seconded by Williams to approve the minutes of the May meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by DeRoode with addition of item to discuss street funding, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT: Sherriff Wallen reviewed the monthly call report. He also discussed the proposed increase of rates going into 2025. No report on Horton situation.

BLUEBIRD COURT SUBDIVISION: STREET & STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

- Dawn has sent out letters inviting residents to have their sump pumps discharge into the new system.
- Sunday afternoon they will be sweeping streets and Monday the second lift will be applied.

2023 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

- DeRoode gave some ideas for funding sources to cover the cost of the additional street projects we are considering.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council reviewed the report of active cases.

CITY OF MINNEOTA COMPOST AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to approve the compost agreement with the City of Minneota in the amount of \$750. All in favor, motion carried.

GHENT COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT: Now that the community center has been remodeled, the council felt the need for an appropriate rental agreement to include a deposit and increase in rates. New rates will be \$150 for Ghent residents, \$250 for nonresidents with a \$250 damage deposit. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to adopt the agreement as presented to be effective immediately for new rentals. All in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: NEW MEMBERS: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to approve Alec Beutel & Jaydn Walberg as new fire department members. All in favor, motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSING: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to issue an off-sale liquor license for \$100.00, an on sale liquor license for \$1995.00, and a Sunday liquor license for \$50.00 to KB's Bar & Grill LLC, DBA KB's Bar & Grill located at 100 E. Burlingame Street on Lots 1-2-3-4-5 of Block 4 in the City of Ghent. All in favor, motion carried.

CHANGE MEETING DATE: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to change the August meeting from the 13th to Monday, August 12th to avoid primary election day.

CLOSE MEETING FOR EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to close the meeting, all in favor, motion carried. Employee evaluations were completed and health reimbursement arrangements were discussed. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to reopen the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #06-18-24: QUALIFIED SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to adopt the resolution as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

EMPLOYEE COLA RAISES: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to approve an increase to cover COLA of 3% for full-time employees. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminck,
Administrator/Clerk