

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2024

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Monday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Zac Boerboom, & Tim VanKeulen. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc -
Absent was Ross Williams & 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 July meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPT: Sherriff Wallen reviewed the monthly call report as well as increased rates to extend our contract through 2027. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to approve the extended contract as presented. Rates will be \$26,328 in 2025, \$27,158.40 in 2026, \$28,036.80 in 2027. All in favor, motion carried.

2023 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Bryan Bye was present to give an update on this project. Our plans have been approved by both the MDH & MPCA. Council asked Bryan to bring large scale updated plans for review. Council will need to make decisions regarding the extra street costs that are not covered by the grant or loan for this project.

EDA: Jodi Maertens has submitted an offer to purchase parcel #25-104012-0 located at 202 Chapman Street South for \$5,000. Jodi gave a summary of her business and what type of building she is planning to construct. EDA will discuss during closed session at the end of this meeting.

FLEET INVENTORY: Member DeRoode has asked for council to consider other options for equipment as we continue budgeting for 2025. Chris Culver with Titan Machine was invited to present options for a smaller sized loader and attachments. Mike Vlaminc was also present to give background information on our existing loader. The council also reviewed two quotes to replace our current mower/snow blower. Jesse will review more and check into leasing deals.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council reviewed the report of active cases.

2025 BUDGET: Council reviewed the updated 2025 proposed budget.

TREE WATERING: Mayor Anderson has a water tank that he is willing to donate to this use. Zac presented a quote for a pump. The cost will be covered under the shade tree program grant.

CLOSE MEETING: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to close the meeting at 8:26 to discuss the offer for parcel #25-104012-0. All in favor, motion carried. EDA and City Council discussed the impacts of this offer as well as issues regarding the residential zoning of this lot. **OPEN MEETING:** A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to reopen the meeting at 8:52. All in favor, motion carried.

OFFER ACCEPTED: A motion was made by Vlaminc and seconded by DeRoode to accept the amount of \$5,000 for the sale of parcel #25-104012-0. Polfliet, DeRoode, Vlaminc, & VanKeulen in favor, none opposed, motion carried. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Polfliet to start the process of rezoning this lot from R-1 to C-1 as well as attaching certain conditions to the use of the lot in association with this sale. A public hearing is set for September 10th to hear comments on this zoning change. Polfliet, DeRoode, Vlaminc, & VanKuelen in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Vlaminc, Administrator/Clerk