

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

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

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 August meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPT: Deputy Her was present. August is usually our busiest month due to Belgian American Days festivities.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to open a public hearing to hear comment on the proposed rezoning of 202 Chapman Street South from a R-1 single family residential district to a C-1 central business district. All in favor, motion carried. Comments were heard from Paula VanKeulen and Adam Starz. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #09-10-24-1: REZONING OF PARCEL #25-104012-0: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to adopt the resolution as presented. DeRoode, Williams, Anderson, voted yes. VanKeulen abstained. Motion carried.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT/AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY:

- **202 CHAPMAN STREET S:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to approve the purchase agreement and authorize the EDA to convey this property to Willam and Jodi Maertens. All in favor, motion carried.
- **107 CARDINAL CIRCLE:** A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to approve the purchase agreement and authorize the EDA to convey this property to Gordon Loyson. All in favor, motion carried.
- **305 BURLINGAME E:** There is an issue with the State Hwy Right of Way. Dawn is checking into this. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to table. All in favor, motion carried.
- **CONVEY CREATED PARCELS FROM EDA TO CITY OWNERSHIP:** A motion was made by Williams and seconded by VanKeulen to accept ownership of the created parcels from the above sales. All in favor, motion carried.

BLUEBIRD COURT SUBDIVISION: STREET & STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to approve final pay estimate #6 contingent on his submittal of necessary documents. All in favor, motion carried.

FLEET INVENTORY: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to purchase a new Kubota mower/snowblower from Kesteloot Enterprises. Council asked Jesse to inquire about the details of the extended warranty. He found that it includes two years of warranty and the two years of additional warranty will cost \$1,300. All in favor, motion carried.

EDA PROPOSED 2025 LEVY: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to set the proposed EDA 2025 Levy at \$5,418.98. DeRoode, VanKeulen, Gruhot, Polfliet, & Vlaminc voted yes. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #09-10-24-2: PROPOSED 2025 LEVY: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to adopt resolution as presented setting the proposed 2025 levy at \$ 205,369.14 which represents an increase of 3% from last year. All in favor, motion carried.

2022 DISASTER RELEIF FUNDS: Bolton & Menk is applying for a search grant. A search grant covered the engineering costs to create an engineering report needed for the application.

FLOODPLAIN REMOVAL DOCUMENTS: Dawn is working with Shaun Luker at Bolton & Menk as well as Ceil Straus from the state DNR to reissue flood plain removal documents needed after the floodplain map was recently modified.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council reviewed the report of active cases.

RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) MAINTENANCE: Council discussed the mowing/maintenance of the state highway right of way through the city. Williams is an employee of the state and will inquire.

RIM EASEMENT MAINTENANCE: Jesse is requesting Kurt Gillund repair the area that was disturbed during the last temporary berm construction in the RIM easement area and remove the foundation from the Legion Park turn around area. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminck, Administrator/Clerk