

**CITY OF GHENT**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2026**

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Zac Boerboom, Mike Warren, & Tim VanKeulen. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlamincx & 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 December meeting with stated edits. 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 SHERIFF'S DEPT:** Sheriff Wallen was not able to join us as he was on a call.

**GHENT FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION:** A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to approve the increase of retirement benefits from \$1,175 to \$1,275. Boerboom, DeRoode, & VanKeulen in favor, Warren abstained, motion carried.

**GAMBLING PERMITS:** A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren to approve the permit for the Ghent Fire Relief Association on 3/14/26 @ KB's Bar & Grill. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the permit for St. Edwards Catholic Church on 1/31/26 @ KB's Bar & Grill. All in favor, motion carried.

**2026 APPOINTMENTS:** A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to approve Minnwest Bank as the official depository. Boerboom, DeRoode, & Warren in favor, VanKeulen abstained, motion carried. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to approve the following 2026 appointments. All in favor, motion carried.

- Official Newspaper: Minneota Mascot
- Mayor Pro Tem: Adam DeRoode
- City Attorney: Engels Law Office & Quarnstrom & Doering, P.A.
- City Engineer: Bolton & Menk & Widseth
- Official Animal Pound: City of Marshall
- Auto-pay vendors:
  - Frontier: Land Line for City Office & Email
  - MN Valley Cooperative: lift station pump alert
  - Visa Credit Card balance

**RESOLUTION #01-13-26: 2026 FEE SCHEDULE:** A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to approve the resolution as discussed. All in favor, motion carried.

**YEAR END EXPENSE REPORT:** Council reviewed the year-end expense reports.

**REINVEST CD'S:** A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to reinvest the General Funds, Street Funds, Water Funds, Revolving Loan Funds, Perpetual Maintenance Funds, Motor Vehicle Funds, and the interest earned on these CDs, back into CDs for 6.5 months at 3.6% interest rate. All in favor, motion carried.

**2023A GO BOND AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE:** This loan has a current payment schedule that puts our last payment in 2043. Dawn has proposed that we use excess TIF funds to pay off this loan on an accelerated schedule to save \$301,169.16 in interest paid. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to approve the proposed schedule. Warren, Boerboom, & VanKeulen, in favor, DeRoode opposed, motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER PROJECT:** The final IUP list was posted. Our water/sewer project and water tower project remain funded.

**UTILTY BILLING:** Dawn continues to do training and hopes to get onboarded asap.

**AWAIR & EMPLOYEE RIGHT OT KNOW POLICY:** Jesse & Dawn review this policy annually and update as needed. Dawn is our safety officer.

**RAMP DESIGN:** Council discussed that tuckpointing needs to be done before the ramp is installed.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Vlaminc", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dawn Vlaminc,  
Administrator/Clerk