

**CITY OF GHENT**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2026**

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Pro Tem Adam DeRoode, Mike Warren, Tim VanKeulen, & Zac Boerboom (arrived at 7:00 p.m.) Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc & Public Works Director Jesse Christianson. Absent was Mayor Doug Anderson

**OPEN MEETING:** Mayor Pro Tem DeRoode 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 Warren to approve the minutes of the March meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** No comments were heard.

**LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT:** Our ordinances need to be resubmitted to the state due to improper format. John Engels has been informed of this. The sheriff's department recommends that residents contact them directly regarding reports of dogs running free.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** A motion was made by Warren and seconded by VanKeulen to open a public hearing to hear comments regarding property values as presented by the Lyon County Assessor's Office. All in favor, motion carried. Mark Buysse and Nate Brusven were present and gave a short presentation regarding values for the City of Ghent. No residents were present to give comments. The public hearing remained open.

**GARBAGE CONTRACT RENEWAL:** Representatives from both SW Sanitation and Sweetman Sanitation were present and gave a short presentation to the council. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren to table this vote until the May meeting so that council has time to review the two proposals in more detail. All in favor, motion carried.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Warren to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

**BOLTON & MENK:** Gunner is present to review a possible partnership with the City of Lynd for a Joint powers approach to sanitary sewer ponds. The City of Lynd was also represented by Mayor Justin Guggesberg, Public Works Director, Dillon Schultz, & Councilman Josh Bruley. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to approve the proposal to further investigate this approach. All in favor, motion carried. The City of Lynd has invited us to attend their council meeting on April 21, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

**SEWER EXPANSION TO THE EAST:** Council reviewed three alternatives given by Bryan Bye with Widseth for a possible expansion solution. Dawn would like more time to put together proposed payoff schedules in order to make a more informed decision.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE:** The Fire Department successfully purchased a truck to be made into a tanker. There will now be purchases to complete the tanker. A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by VanKeulen to approve a credit card for Chief Maertens for this use. Dawn will visit with the chief regarding setting spending limits. All in favor, motion carried.

**FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS:** 2026 Fire Protection agreements have been accepted by Grandview, Fairview, & Vallers townships that include a 3% increase. A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Warren to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

**UTILTIY BILLING ONBOARDING WITH BANYON:** Dawn would like the city to absorb the \$1.95 transaction fee associated with ACH payments for utility bills. Credit card fees would still be paid by the customer. The hope is

to offset the time spent handling payments by encouraging customers to sign up for autopay. A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dawn Vlaminc,  
Administrator/Clerk