

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 2026

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Mike Warren, Tim VanKeulen, & Zac Boerboom Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc & 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 April meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Warren 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 was present to review our call report.

GARBAGE CONTRACT RENEWAL: Council had time to review the contract proposals in more detail. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to accept the proposal from Sweetman Sanitation. All in favor, motion carried. Because we did not choose SW Sanitation, we were not able to use their quote for portable toilets as it was dependent on us choosing them for garbage service. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to request quotes for Portable Toilets from multiple vendors. All in favor, motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren 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.

GAMBLING PERMIT: BELGIAN AMERICAN DAYS RAFFLE: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the permit applications. All in favor, motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to open a public hearing to hear comments regarding the property tax abatement application from William and Jodi Maertens. All in favor, motion carried. No comments were heard.

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

RESOLUTION #05-12-2026: AUTHORIZING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR WILLIAM & JODI MAERTENS:202 S CHAPMAN: 2 ARROWS APPAREL: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Boerboom to approve the Resolution as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

TUCKPOINTING: After our last meeting, D & M Masonry reached out to Jesse and asked to start the work on May 15th. Due to lack of any other quotes, Jesse moved forward with removing our ramp and gave approval to start work. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to allow the tuckpointing of the South side of city hall quoted at \$43,000 as well as to have the contractor look at the brick repairs needed on the top front of the building. If quote for front is reasonable staff is authorized to move forward. All in favor, motion carried.

SEWER EXPANSION TO THE EAST: Council further reviewed three alternatives given by Bryan Bye with Widseth for a possible expansion solution. Council has agreed that each alternative is not financially feasible at this time. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to have Dawn reach out to these homeowners and let them know that we will revisit this project in 2031 when we are doing the Highway 68 portion of our project. All in favor, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER BUDGETS: Widseth is updating our water and sewer budgets to resubmit to PFA. Paying more of our wages out of the water and sewer funds will help our affordability and give us more grant funds. A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Boerboom to adjust our wage distribution as presented. All in favor, motion carried. The following chart represents the current and new distribution:

Jesse: 50% general	40% general
25% water	30% water
<u>25% sewer</u>	<u>30% sewer</u>
Dawn: 50% general	30% general
17.5% water	30% water
17.5% sewer	30% sewer
10% garbage	10% garbage

WATERTOWER: Fire Chief Maertens asked about the specifications of a possible water tower. They include having a place to fill fire trucks directly from the tower before it effects the city pressure as well as sizing of the lines to allow for fire protection by using the hydrants. Jesse will bring his concerns to Bolten & Menk.

NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT: Mayor Anderson would like us to resume enforcement efforts. Dawn will send out letters in time to take advantage of City-Wide Clean-up on May 20th.

CLEANUP DAYS: Council discussed options for cleanup format. We will try changing the times to 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20th.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Vlamineck,
Administrator/Clerk