

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2026

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Mike Warren, & Tim VanKeulen. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminck & 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 DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the minutes of the May meeting with suggested detail edits. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to approve the agenda with the addition of employee evaluations. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT: Deputy Swenson was present to review our call report. He will verify the dates for Belgian American Days.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department has determined that they are ready to sell unit #470. The reasons include that #470 is being stored at the Cenex garage which is now owned by Farmward. They are planning to ask to remove the truck due to liability reasons. We have also just purchased a new truck and are ready to sell the oldest in the fleet. Council discussed that we have used this truck in the past as a pump during flood events. Jesse thinks we are ok to use a regular pump and do not need this truck for that purpose. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to advertise to sell. All in favor, motion carried.

COMPOST AGREEMENT: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to renew our agreement with the City of Minnesota to allow our residents to take compost to their site for \$800/year. All in favor, motion carried.

PORTABLE TOILET QUOTE: Three quotes were reviewed. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to accept the quote from Laleman Septic. These prices are good for one year. All in favor, motion carried. Gary had already placed the ADA unit in Legion Park last week. He will place the other units immediately.

GARBAGE RATES: Last month we changed from SW Sanitation to Sweetman Sanitation for our garbage services. Dawn has ran the 2027 budget and is recommending that we reduce the charge for garbage service by \$1 per container. This will allow for a balanced budget and give some relief to our residents. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to reduce the cost of each garbage container by \$1. All in favor, motion carried. Council thought that citywide cleanup went well with Sweetman's. We may consider moving it to Saturday next year.

TUCKPOINTING: The South wall of the city hall is completed. The contractor also did some repairs to the upper area of the front of the building. He has submitted an estimate of \$14,720 to tuckpoint the entire front of the building. Council feels that we should take advantage of the lower price while the contractor is in the area. He is suggesting that the cost will actually be lower than that. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to move forward with the tuckpointing of the front of the city hall using ARPA funds. All in favor, motion carried.

BONDING BILL \$3M GRANT: We are waiting on the final verbiage of the grant to determine what these funds can be used for.

SEWER EXPANSION TO THE EAST: Dawn has held off contacting these residents as we hope that we can use a portion of the \$3M grant from the bonding bill to extend the water lines to service these homes.

FARMWARD DEMOLITION PERMIT: Farmward is planning to demo the Bank Building located at 200 W Burlingame Street. The demo may destroy the sidewalk along English Street. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to require that they sidewalk be graveled after the demo and that Farmward reimburse the City of

Ghent for the cost of the sidewalk for the entire length of the property as it is replaced with our water/sewer project. All in favor, motion carried. Dawn will work with Bryan Bye to get the pricing for the reimbursement.

SEWER POND PARTNERSHIP WITH LYND: Dawn is working with the City of Lynd to create a letter to send to the landowners that we will be reaching out to next week.

NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT: Warning letters were sent out before citywide cleanup last month. Regular enforcement will now continue.

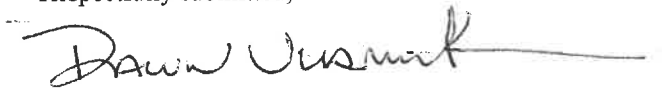
CLOSE MEETING: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to close the meeting to do employee evaluations. All in favor, motion carried. Council review Jesse & Dawn's work over the last year.

OPEN MEETING: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to reopen the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

EMPLOYEE WAGES: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by VanKeulen to increase both Jesse & Dawn's wages by \$1.40/hour based on performance. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dawn Vlaininck,
Administrator/Clerk