

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2026

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Mike Warren, Zac Boerboom & Tim VanKeulen. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminck & 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 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 Boerboom 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: Sherriff Wallen was present to review our call report. He stayed as council discussed two agenda items regarding dogs running at large. Nicki & Heather Brandsrud of 111 N Chapman Street were present as council considered declaring their dog "Bella" as "potentially dangerous". Council reviewed the definition of a potentially dangerous dog and found it to meet the criteria. A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Boerboom to declare the dog named Bella living at 111 N Chapman Street potentially dangerous. Boerboom, VanKeulen, & DeRoode voted yes, Warren abstained as his dog was bit by the dog in question. Motion carried. The owners claim that they are not aware of any incidents, so Dawn will share the police reports and give them all the information needed for them to license Bella as a potentially dangerous dog and comply with the ordinance.

We are also receiving many complaints from the dog owned by Callin Lindeman that lives at 224 W Burlingame Street. Dawn has been sending administrative fines for each offense but is trying to get residents to call the Sherriff's department when the dogs are out so that they can attempt to impound them.

Council also discussed our Chapter 71 Parking Regulations briefly as we are looking for the best method to limit long term parking to prevent the issue we had at Belgian American Days this last year. Sherriff Wallen recommended looking at the City of Marshall's ordinance as it might work for us.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report.

2026 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Bryan Bye reviewed the final plans with the council in a work session prior to the meeting. Council is still considering if we include the sidewalk on Maskell and the North side of McQuestion as part of the project. Bryan will get final street and sidewalk costs to us so that a decision can be made before we put the project out for bids. The MN DOT is planning to attend our November 10th meeting to review details of the Hwy. 68 portion of our plans.

BONDING BILL \$3M GRANT: We are waiting for a written response from PFA as to how we can use these funds.

SEWER EXPANSION TO THE EAST: Waiting to hear about the grant money.

SEWER POND PARTNERSHIP WITH LYND: Both Ghent and Lynd are waiting to hear back from some additional property owners.

2027 BUDGET REVIEW: Council reviewed the final draft of the 2027 budget.

RESOLUTION #09-08-206: ADOPTING THE PROPOSED 2027 PROPERTY TAX LEVY: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Vlaminc to adopt the EDA proposed levy in the amount of \$5,493.14. EDA members VanKeulen, Vlaminc, & DeRoode voted in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to adopt the resolution as presented to include a 3% levy increase in the amount of \$214,186.62. All in favor, motion carried.

MOWER HOOD INSURANCE CLAIM: The claim was submitted to insurance, and we plan to receive a reimbursement check in the amount of \$1,632.27. The total cost of the repair was \$2,632.27 taking into consideration a \$1,000 deductible paid.

NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT: Council is interested in getting all nuisance properties cleaned up before winter. Administrative fines will be enforced for all. Dawn will check into the Gladis building to see what our next steps should be.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Boerboom to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dawn Vlaminc,
Administrator/Clerk