

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2025

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Tim VanKeulen, Zac Boerboom & Mike Warren. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaininck & 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 September 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: Sheriff Wallen was present with this month's call report. We will follow up to see if the jake break ordinance has been submitted to the state. Dawn will also follow up with the City of Marshall with a dog-pound formal agreement.

LEAGUE OF MN CITIES: WADE BOERBOOM: INSURANCE REVIEW: Agent Wade Boerboom reviewed our properties to be insured. A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by VanKeulen to increase our deductible to \$1,000. All in favor, motion carried. Dawn will note on our 2027 budget that our premiums will increase in coordination with our higher total expenditures associated with our water/sewer project.

WIDSETH: WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, IN-TOWN PORTION: We were contacted by PFA to remove our pond portion of our project since it is not shovel ready. We are waiting to see if our in-town portion will be funded and receive our funding package.

LAND ACQUISITION: We have met with Doug Loyson regarding land acquisition for the new pond expansion. We are also looking to visit with other surrounding landowners.

ORDINANCE 52:08 USE OF WATER FROM FIRE HYDRANTS: Council reviewed this ordinance as it will be followed and used by contractors during our upcoming projects. Members agreed to leave as written. In January, our fee schedule will include a \$25 fee for a permit.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Was Reviewed

PUBLIC HEARING SET: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Warren to set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 11th @ 6:30 p.m. to hear comment on the tax abatement application from 2 Arrows Apparel.

UTILITY BILLING: Members discussed the delay in transition to gWorks. Dawn has found Jayhawk Software as a possible, reasonably priced, alternative. Boerboom voiced concern that gWorks may never become an alternative and we should consider Jayhawk even though the waiting time is 6 – 8 months to onboard. Dawn will review again and get on their onboarding list if she agrees to this plan. – Jesse is working on ordering & installing remote read meters.

RAMP DESIGN: Doug brought a photo of the ramp from the Green Valley Catholic Church that all members like. Doug will ask the church members who constructed/engineered the ramp so that we can pursue this design for the ramp on our building. ADA will need to be considered.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Warren to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Vlaininck, Administrator/Clerk