

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2025

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Zac Boerboom & Tim VanKeulen. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminck & Public Works Director Jesse Christianson. Absent was Mike Warren

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 November meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode 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. Our noise ordinance still has not been updated to the state so that it can be enforced by the Sheriff's department. John Engels joined that meeting at this time and stated that he was waiting to hear from the County Attorney. We will not wait and will have John do that task asap.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Boerboom to open the public hearing to hear comment on the 2026 levy and budget.

RESOLUTION #12-09-25-1: VOTER ACCOUNT AGREEMENT: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to adopt resolution as presented. This allows Lyon County to use state funds to administer our mail ballot voting. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATE A POLLING PLACE: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to designate the Lyon County Courthouse located at 607 West Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258. All in favor, motion carried.

2026 PAID LEAVE POLICY: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to approve our paid leave policy which designates Dawn Vlaminck as our paid leave administrator, permits employees to "top off" their benefits with ESST, and splits the cost of the program 50/50 between city and employee. All in favor, motion carried.

CITY TREASURER POSITION: Dawn offered this position to Lauri Lalamen and she accepted. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to approve this hire. All in favor, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER PROJECT: We are waiting on the final IUP list and funding package. Council agrees that a work session is our next step to finalizing our plans. A work session has been set for Monday, December 29th @ 6:00 p.m.

BERM PROJECT: We are waiting for Bolton & Menk to work with Aaron at Lyon County and Jeff at Widseth to finalize the berm plan.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Cars will get ticketed if left on the street during snow removal efforts. We will also notify residents that they are responsible for clearing snow from their sidewalks.

UTILTIY BILLING: We are onboarding with Banyon on 12/22/25.

GAMBLING PERMIT: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the permit for the Friends of the NRA on 4/11/26 @ KB's Bar & Grill. All in favor, motion carried.

RAMP DESIGN: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to allow Doug to visit with Widseth about reviewing the new ramp design. The hope is that they would give us a good deal since they did the initial design. If they are more than \$1,500, we will check with a local engineer. All in favor, motion carried.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to close the public hearing. All in favor, motion carried. There were no comments from the public.

RESOLUTION #12-09-25-2: 2026 LEVY: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to set the 2026 levy at \$213,367.15. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #12-09-25-3: 2026 BUDGET: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to set the 2026 budget at \$353,504.15. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminck,
Administrator/Clerk