

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Zac Boerboom, Tim VanKeulen, & Ross Williams. 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 Williams and seconded by Boerboom to approve the minutes of the June meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to approve the agenda with the addition of Culver downspout discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPT: Sherriff Wallen reviewed the monthly call report. He was asked to patrol on County Road 5 South.

BLUEBIRD COURT SUBDIVISION: STREET & STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

- Pay Estimate #5: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Williams to approve pay estimate #5. All in favor, motion carried.

2023 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

- Lead service line inventory is moving forward.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council reviewed the report of active cases.

- Richard Huber was present to request an additional 30 days to move his tractor into his garage. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to allow the extension. All in favor, motion carried. Note that an additional fine will be charged if not completed after 30 days.

ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION: LEON SCHROEPFER: A fencing permit was submitted by Leon Schroepfer to construct a fence in his front yard. A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Boerboom to approve the application with the following conditions. All in favor, motion carried.

- Fence must be completed by August 31st, 2024.
- Accumulations in front of or behind the fence are not exempt from enforcement.

BLUEBIRD DOWNSPOUTS: Council discussed if Bluebird residents, specifically Chris Culver, are allowed to connect their downspouts to the new storm sewer inlets. Members remember that the engineers and the ordinance do not allow this. Dawn will confirm and let the council and residents know.

2024 BUDGET: Council took a first look at the 2024 budget. We are hoping to get our funding package for our water/sewer project before finalizing the numbers. Council reminded Dawn to be searching for a contractor to bid the ADA ramp.

NEXT MEETING: The August meeting has been moved to Monday, August 12th because of primary elections.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminck,
Administrator/Clerk