

AGENDA - CITY OF GHENT
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/ JOINT EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2025 @ 6:30

Call the Meeting to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: **M**

Approval of the Agenda: **M**

Citizen's Comments – If a citizen has an item of concern that they would like to bring to the council's attention that "is not" on the agenda, they have approximately 2 minutes to address the council at this time. Please address the council from the podium. If further discussion is necessary, this item will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

LYON CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT

CODE ENFORCEMENT: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENT ON ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION **M**

- MARK ESPING 211 CHAPMAN STREET S – Hear comments.
- CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING **M**

WIDSETH: WATER/SEWER PROJECT – IN TOWN PORTION

- JEFF KUHN IS PRESENT WITH CTY 5 PLAN REVIEW: Allow residents to give comments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- APPROVE NEW MEMBERS: CHASE BERNAERT & JOSIAH KROGER
- FUNDING FOR NEW TANKER:
 - \$32,000 TRUCK FUND BALANCE (includes 2025 budget)
 - \$49,402.03 MAHA FUND BALANCE
 - \$81,4012.03 TOTAL POSSIBLE FUNDS AVAILABLE

BOLTON & MENK:

- RESOLUTION #08-12-25: AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GHENT TO SUBMIT A POINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PFA FOR 2026 SANITARY POND IMPROVEMENTS. **M**

TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE: ENGINE-RETARDING BRAKE: Remove highlighted portion **M**

- (C) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any truck to intentionally use an engine-retarding brake on any public highway, street, parking lot or alley within the city which causes abnormal or excessive noise from the engine **because of an illegally modified or defective exhaust system**, except in an emergency.

SET TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING: 12/9/25 @ 6:30 P.M. AT THE GHENT CITY HALL **M**

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS:

- REVIEW ABATEMENT POLICY: we have a residential policy, not a commercial policy. **M**
- JODI MAERTENS – 2 ARROWS APPAREL is our only applicant for 2025 **M**
- RESOLUTION #08-12-25: TO REMOVE PARCEL #25-104012-0 FROM THE TIF DISTRICT **M**
- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 6:30 P.M. **M**

CD'S PURCHASED: We now have \$1,034,000 OF CD'S which will mature in January 2026.

2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Review second draft 2026 Budget

NEXT MEETINGS: CITY COUNCIL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

ADJOURN: **M**

M = Requires a Motion