CITY OF GHENT

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2026

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Mike Warren, & Tim VanKeulen. Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminck & Public Works Director Jesse Christianson.
Absent is Zac Boerboom.

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 VanKuelen to approve the minutes of the September meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to approve the agenda with the addition of review of the expense report. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPT: Sherriff Wallen was present to review our call report. Council asked that he send a deputy to visit Ron Vermeersch as we have received multiple complaints that he is trespassing on private property around town. Sherriff Wallen encourages residents to call to create an incident when this happens.

The update on Nicki & Heather Brandsrud of 111 N Chapman Street. They had installed a kennel and have been keeping the dogs on leash. They are working on paying their license fee.

The update on Callin Lindeman that lives at 224 W Burlingame Street. There has been three additional reports of his dogs running at large. We are also encouraging residents to call the Sherriff's department if they see these dogs running at large.

Dawn will bring parking regulations to the November meeting.

SEWER POND PARTNERSHIP WITH LYND: Gunnar with Bolton & Menk was present to review our progress and updated costs of a partnership with Lynd. Dawn is working to create a comparison between the cost of working with Lynd or remaining at our current site. It currently looks like it is less expensive to do our own thing.

Justin Guggisberg, Mayor of Lynd and Dillon Schultz, Public Works Director of Lynd were present to listen in. We visited with them earlier in the day to let them know we may be choosing to back out of the joint project because of cost. It was important to clarify that Ghent's cooperation was not required for them to move forward with the proposed joint site. They assured us that they plan to pursue the new site with or without our involvement.

A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to have Bolton & Menk the go ahead to prepare a proposal to continue to look both at the partnership with Lynd and our original site plan. We are hoping to get better costs estimates to make a better educated decision. All in favor, motion carried.

We also discussed the possibility of the Boerboom Trust land as an option. Council discussed that this location is too close to future housing.

2026 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Council reviewed the sidewalk costs at East McQuestion Street and North Maskel. Comments included a possible future crosswalk at Maskell. There are also concerns about the McQuestion sidewalk being very close to come of the structures. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to include both area in the bid knowing that we could remove them at a later date if decided. DeRoode and Warren votes yes, VanKeulen voted no, motion carried.

SEWER EXPANSION TO THE EAST: We know that we have received 3M of direct appropriations. We have been told verbally that it can be applied to the clean water (sewer) portion of our project, however, it is shown in the

drinking water portion in the IUP Draft List that came out. We are either going to submit a "comment" to have it moved to the clean water project or maybe we can just communicate this directly to the finance department. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to move forward with the expansion of the sewer and water to the East and include this in the bid plans, dependent on the 3M being moved to the clean water project. All in favor, motion carried. Next steps would be a meeting with these property owners with an update, visit with Lincoln-Pipestone Rural water, and start the annexation process.

STATE HWY. 68 PROJECT: Dawn & Jesse met with a team from DOT to share input for this 2032 project. They are planning to come to our November meeting to get council input. Dawn will prepare a memo documenting the discussion in preparation for the November meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Council reviewed a quote from Frank's Electric Plumbing & Heating to install a new LP Heating in the Firehall in the amount of $4,570. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the installation. Allowing the funds to be used from the MAHA or Fire Department Funds. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 08-18-2026: DNR staff contacted us to let us know that the resolution that was passed last month contained the incorrect amount of available funds. It has been corrected from $312,000 to $312,080. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to adopt the corrected resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT: Dawn has started emailing the scanned nuisance enforcement letters in addition to providing the updated list at council in an effort for them to be aware of who is getting fines. Council reviewed the list. We also discussed the bin site. It has now changed hands and we often receive complaints about noise and chaff during harvest season. Dawn will use the original notice letter from 2005 to create a new notice.

POLICY FOR PURCHASING: Dawn included the purchasing policy as a reminder that we are following the statute as we make purchases. Anything over $25,000 needs two bids.

PHONE SERVICE: Frontier has been purchased by Verizon. Dawn received three bid for continuing the phone service. It looks like Midco is considerably less for faster service. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to do the additional research discussed and move forward with the switch to Midco. All in favor, motion carried.

SET TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to set our Truth in Taxation Meeting for Tuesday, December 8th , 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

EXPENSE SHEET: Council reviewed details of the expense sheet. There are some equation issues that need to be corrected.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by VanKeulen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminck,
Administrator/Clerk