

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2024

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Tim VanKeulen, Zac Boerboom, & Ross Williams
Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc - 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 VanKeulen and seconded by DeRoode to approve the minutes of the February meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: No comments were heard.

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT: Deputy Walerius was present with the monthly call report. Council asked if the "speed sign" could be placed on South Collins Street to slow down traffic through that area.

2023 WATERMAIN & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: Council reviewed water and sewer rates memo. The rate at which council increases water and sewer rates to our residents in order to meet affordability will be included on the permit that will be submitted this week. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by DeRoode to submit as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO MN PFA FOR DRINKING WATER: A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Williams to submit our application for a permit to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for our drinking water project in the amount of \$4,655,224.55. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO MN PFA FOR CLEAN WATER: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Williams to submit our application for a permit to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for our clean water project in the amount of \$8,880,811.07. All in favor, motion carried.

SHADE TREE DIVERSIFICATION GRANT: We have identified and removed 23 of our first 25 trees.

CITY HALL RENOVATIONS: Work is moving along nicely. It was suggested that we consider replacing the small side window with a larger window to match the size of the windows on the front of the building. A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by Williams to replace the small window with a larger window funded with the interest earned from our General Fund CD in the amount of approximately \$5,000. All in favor, motion carried.

CITY WEBSITE: The new website is 80% complete. Dawn will continue to add content.

PUBLIC SAFETY AID: In December, the city received \$16,410 from the state of MN to be used for public safety. Dawn deposited these funds into our Fire Department Fund. After consideration by council, A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to use \$8,205 or half of these funds toward our police protection contract. All in favor, motion carried.

SOUTH COLLINS STREET: There is a concern about the speed of traffic on South Collins Street. Dawn will communicate with the Little Explorer's Daycare to have her remind her parents to use County Road 5 instead of South Collins Street. The Sherriff's department will also be placing the "speed sign" on South Collins as a reminder.

FLEET INVENTORY: Jesse has compiled an inventory of our fleet as a tool to use for budgeting in September.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Boerboom to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminc,
Administrator/Clerk