

CITY OF GHENT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13TH, 2025

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

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 April meeting with two noted changes. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by VanKeulen 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 the monthly report. Council briefly discussed truck traffic on North Chapman Street and a nuisance truck from the apartments.

LIQUOR LICENSING: A motion was made by Boerboom and seconded by DeRoode to issue an off-sale liquor license for \$100, an on-sale liquor license for \$1995, and a Sunday liquor license for \$50 to KB's Bar & Grill, LLC, dba KB's Bar & Grill located at 100 E. Burlingame Street on Lots 1-2-3-4-5 of Block 4 in the City of Ghent. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #05-13-25: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to adopt Resolution #05-13-25 adopting the 2024 Lyon County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: The Council reviewed the current enforcement list. Josh Timmerman was not present.

CHAPTER 91.01 DOMESTIC ANIMALS: A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Boerboom to remove rabbits from the list of domestic animals and move them to be treated the same as chicken and quail. All in favor, motion carried. Mike Warren joined the meeting.

CHAPTER 91.01 DOGS AND CATS: The city has 168 utility connections and 127 animals. To better cover enforcement costs, a motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to increase the dog and cat license fee from \$10 to \$15. All in favor, motion carried.

CHAPTER 91.04 FARM ANIMALS: Community members were again present to support a change in the farm animal ordinance, especially in regard to chickens. A motion was made by DeRoode to continue review of the ordinance in an effort to allow residents to raise chickens, quail, and rabbits. No second was given, motion failed. - A motion was then made by Warren and seconded by VanKeulen to keep the ordinance as is. Boerboom, VanKeulen, & Warren voted yes, DeRoode voted no. Motion carried.

WIDSETH: WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: We will be submitting an updated plan on the IUP list for 2026 by June 6th. We will continue to work with Ottetail.

BOLTON & MENK: We continue to submit paperwork to finalize the planning grant for the berm project so that work can commence. Council discussed the need to be more educated regarding the purchase of land from Doug Loyson so that negotiations can begin as soon as possible.

GWORKS ONBOARDING: Waiting for onboarding in June.

ARC-GIS: We have received a quote from Widseth of \$3,000 to add the Emerald Ash Borer layer to our existing program in order to manage the EAB grant. Dawn visited with Mark Volz at Lyon County GIS. He is willing to do the work for an estimated \$300. We are hoping to get a template from the DNR which would further reduce the cost.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminc
Administrator/Clerk