

**CITY OF GHENT**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL/EDA MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025**

The regularly scheduled City Council/EDA meeting for the City of Ghent was held on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Doug Anderson, Adam DeRoode, Tim VanKeulen, & Mike Warren, Administrator/Clerk, Dawn Vlaminc & Public Works Director Jesse Christianson. Absent was 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 Warren to approve the minutes of the August meeting. 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 this month's call report.

**WIDETH: WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, IN-TOWN PORTION:** Council had expected to have final plans of the County Road 5 portion of our project. Since we did not receive these in time for our meeting, council discussed the following related items.

**NEW SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE:** The residents that live along the East side of County Road 5 south will be having a new sidewalk/trail installed on their side of the street. There is concern about who will be responsible for maintaining this walk. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to have Jesse maintain this portion for a 2 year period after which this decision will be re-evaluated. The primary reason that the city would maintain include this section being considered a trail connection from the bike path to State Hwy 68 crossing. All in favor, motion carried.

**TREE REPLACEMENT:** These same residents will be losing trees because of the installation of the new sidewalk. The majority of the trees that will be removed are ash trees or evergreen trees that are in poor condition. There are a few that council agree should be replaced. A motion was made by VanKeulen and seconded by Warren to include in Wideth's plans to plant one tree on each parcel of 208, 210, & 212 South Chapman Street. Three trees in total. All in favor, motion carried.

**FINAL DRAINAGE REVIEW:** After a final plan is received, it will be forwarded to all council members for review. Dawn & Jesse will also meet with the residents of 212 S Chapman, 221 S Collins, & 211 S Collins to review the drainage to ensure it meets the needs of these properties.

**TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:** It has come to our attention that both Vermeersch Park and Bluebird Park are still owned by the Ghent EDA. The ownership needs to be transferred to the City of Ghent in order to successfully administer the DNR Emerald Ash Boerer Grant. A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to receive the ownership of these parks from the EDA. All in favor, motion carried.

**GAMBLING PERMIT:** A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by VanKeulen to approve the Gambling Permit for the Minnesota Wrestling Boosters Bingo at KB's Bar & Grill on 10/11/25. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #09-09-25 ADOPTING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2026:** A motion was made by Warren and seconded by DeRoode to approve the resolution as presented which includes a 4% increase in the property tax levy from 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

**CD MATURING:** A motion was made by Warren and seconded by VanKeulen to roll over \$29,000 plus interest earned of perpetual maintenance funds into a 26-week CD at the rate of 3.65%. All in favor, motion carried.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Was Reviewed

**TRANSITION TO REMOTE READ METERS:** When we transition to a new utility billing program, Jesse will lose his ability to read meters with a reader and will be recording on paper. Dawn would like to keep working toward transitioning as many of our manual read meters to remote read before our water/sewer project commences. A motion was made by DeRoode and seconded by Warren to purchase 10 residential sized meters with long antennae and 4 commercial meters to be installed as soon as it can be arranged. We will review progress next month. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Warren and seconded by Adam to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Vlaminck  
Administrator/Clerk