

Regular Council Meeting May 12, 2025

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members in attendance were Darwin Sietsema, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those in attendance.

Minutes of the April meeting and the April 10, 2025 Board of Review meeting were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Wastewater Supervisor, Darrin Haroldson gave the council his report for the month of April and answered the council's questions.

The city will be starting to remove Ash trees on the boulevards due to the near future of Ash Bore Disease. The city will be removing 10 trees per year. There is a sign-up list if you want to be one of the first to have a tree in the boulevard removed. Only doing one (1) tree per property a year unless residents do not sign up. Eventually all Ash trees in boulevards will be removed. At least one (1) tree or 50% (whichever is greater) must be replanted. Residents will pay 50% of the tree if they want a certain kind.

Building permits for Chris Bump for a 16' x 12' deck to front of house at 220 Evans Street; and for Magaly Espinoza for a 120' x 144' fence to back and east side of property, window replacement, and siding at 500 Cleveland Street were approved by M/Sietsema 2/Peterson/cd unanimously.

The April bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd.

Blighted properties were discussed and letters will be going out.

Mayor Stan Townsend made a proclamation that the month of May 2025 as Poppy Month in the City of Ruthton and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy during this month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by M/Baartman.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer