

Regular Council Meeting April 6, 2026

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

All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March meeting and Public Hearing were approved by M/Sietsema 2/McCurdy/cd unanimously.

Brian Bollig from Bollig Engineering was here to discuss the Water Tower project and hooking up to Rural Water. Brian Bollig stated that Rural Development is interested in funding the Water Tower project but would like to see Ruthton rehab the tower instead of building a new one. With building a new tower, there is an extensive environmental review process needed to mitigate the old water tower for historical purposes, and the environmental review process may delay the project and cause it to fall outside the Rural Development funding window by rehabbing the tower, no studies would need to be done, and it would be less expensive. After much discussion, the council does not want to jeopardize any funding, it was M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously to rehab the old water tower. Brian Bollig also stated that the city needs to decide on the capacity per day of water to purchase from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Bollig Engineering recommends 50,000 gallons of water per day. After discussion, it was M/McCurdy 2/Baartman/cd unanimously to purchase the capacity of 50,000 per day from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water.

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

The furnace in the shop needs replacement. It was approved to purchase a new one from Dean Brandt Heating and Air Conditioning by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The March bills were presented and approved by M/Baartman 2/Sietsema/cd.
RECEIPTS = \$20,483.70 DISBURSEMENTS = \$31,422.26

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by M/Peterson.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthton City Clerk/Treasurer