

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
January 6, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 6th Day of January, 2009, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to law and to the rules of said council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles Oppedal in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Hawk, Henningsen, VerHelst, Schoning (left at 7:18)

ABSENT: Johnson

Schoning motioned and Henningsen seconded to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Mike Reynolds representing the Palo Alto County Economic Development Corp. was present to inform the council of activities and services that the Palo Alto/Kossuth County Economic Development has been doing for Ruthven. Mike also requested a 3 year commitment to the services at \$6 per person per capita for a total of \$4266.00 a year.

Hawk made a motion to commit \$4266.00 for the next 3 years to the Palo Alto County Economic Development Corp. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regarding the necessity to computerize the cemetery records. Data Technologies that also provides our billing software has a package that could be utilized to update and maintain all the records.

Henningsen made a motion to purchase the cemetery software package from Data Technologies for \$1550. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A general discussion occurred in regarding to utilizing public grant writers for projects as needed. It was suggested to consult with Simmering-Cory for large grants and see what Northwest Iowa Planning & Development can offer as assistance for various other grants.

An update on the properties at 1308 & 1306 Gowrie St was reported. The purchase of the property at 1306 Gowrie St has been completed. City Attorney Don Hemphill is still working on obtaining an abstract for the 1308 Gowrie St property. The site visit for the hazardous inspection has been completed for both buildings. Final results are not yet back, but verbal reports seem to think the hazards are minimal. Kay Suhr reported on communication with Iowa Brownfield Redevelopment Program in regards to funding.

The budget meeting for revenues has been set for February 10, 2009 at 5:30.

The budget meeting for expenses has been set for February 11, 2009 at 5:30.

Henningsen made a motion to approve Data Technology to work with Kay Suhr up to two days in preparation for the budget.

City Attorney Don Hemphill updated on the status of nuisance properties.

Jeff Simington & Dave Conlon reported on the water leak in the northeast part of town.

It was suggested to put up no parking signs in the alley north of Murf's Service to enable the snowplow and other utility vehicles to pass safely.

Hawk made a motion to post no parking signs in the alley off Gowrie Street north of Murf's Service Station. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 by Henningsen and seconded by Hawk. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Charles Oppedal, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk