

Ruthven City Council Meeting
January 20, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 20th 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, Johnson, Schoning

ABSENT: VerHelst

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

Cliff Christensen representing the Ruthven American Legion was present to inform the council of the Legions interest in regard to the Community Center Project. The Legion is not interested into moving into a new Community Center and wants to keep it's existing building. However they would be willing to work together to arrange so both building could be used for activities. They would be interested in possibly making a vestibule which would have doors to access both facilities.

Brian Hawk asked if there could be an exception to the ordinance to allow the cremation burial of his aunt in the same cemetery plot as his mother. The two women were twins and it was his aunt wish to be buried with her sister.

Schoning made a motion to allow the exception to the cemetery ordinance to allow the cremation burial in an existing cemetery plot. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regards to the charges for opening and closing graves for cremation burials. Information will be gathered and this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The City of Ruthven has been contacted by the Palo Alto County Engineer's Office in regard to doing a joint street project starting at Stewart Street going east on Center Street out to 355th Ave. The Engineer's Office would apply for a grant to assist with funding. They anticipate the City of Ruthven's share would be around \$20,000. The general discussion suggested that other streets would be of greater priority at this time. The Engineer's office will be notified that the city is not interested at this time.

The City of Ruthven was notified of a renewal required for the domain name, for the current city website www.ruthvenlostisland.com. Hawk made a motion to renew the city's website domain name for three years. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The council reviewed a letter received from the Ruthven-Ayrshire Post Prom Committee. Henningsen made a motion to donate \$100 to the Ruthven-Ayrshire Post Prom Committee. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

Henningsen introduced resolution no. 1-2009, "A resolution of the city council of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, to accept any grant funding from Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation. Seconded by Henningsen. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk. Naves: None Absent: VerHelst

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:29 by Hawk and seconded by Henningsen. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk