

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
February 3, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 3rd Day of February, 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, VerHelst

ABSENT: Schoning

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

A discussion occurred in regards to the interment fee for a cremation burial.

Henningsen made a motion to set the rate for a cremation burial at \$150.00.

VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regards to Rebecca Oppedal, who is already maintaining the city website. It was suggested to change her status to maintain the website from contractor to part time employee, so that taxes could be withheld from her check.

Henningsen made a motion to change the status of Rebecca Oppedal from contractor to part time employee as needed without benefits at the same hourly rate. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

A discussion occurred in regard to the Ruthven City sign west of Ruthven. The sign is actually located on Jerry & Kay Ruehle's property. They have agreed to have the sign continue to be at the location, with a written agreement that is they or their heirs sell the property and the sign would hinder the sale of the property that the City of Ruthven would be willing to remove the sign.

Hawk made a motion to sign an Infringing Use Agreement with the Ruehle's in regards to the sign. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:50 by Henningsen and seconded by VerHelst. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Charles Oppedal, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk