

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
March 3, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March, 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

Mayor Oppedal declared the public hearing open for the city's 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed.

VerHelst introduced resolution No. 4-2009, to Accept the Ruthven City Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Seconded by Henningsen. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

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

Henningsen motioned and Hawk seconded to approve the consent agenda items including Minutes, Claims Report and Clerk's Report as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Kelli Keefer was present in regard to the pool. She is interested in returning as manager, but as this time only has 2 lifeguards returning. She suggested changing the pool hours to accommodate lifeguards that are also out for summer sports.

Hawk made a motion to approve Kelli Keefer as the pool manager for 2009. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made motion to keep membership fees the same and set the pool hours to 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jon Josephson was present in regard to the cemetery. Jon requested a \$250 increase in his Cemetery Maintenance contract and reviewed the work planned for the summer. The Cemetery did receive a grant from Palo Alto County Gaming Development, but matching funds of \$2268 will be needed. In the grant he did allow for additional labor to assist with the beautification project.

Johnson made a motion to approve Jon Josephson's Cemetery contract for \$10,650.00 and to approve him to start the work on the grant project. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

In regards to the Ruthven City Entrance sign to the west of Ruthven. It was stated that Jerry & Kay Ruehle had expressed that the city provide them with free services or compensation, otherwise they desired the sign be moved.

A bid from Brennan-Chapman Construction was presented for \$6700.00 to move and complete both the west and east city entrance signs.

Henningsen made a motion to accept the bid from Brennan-Chapman to move and complete both signs under a 2008 Palo Alto County Gaming grant, with the project to be completed by March 31, 2009. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Attorney Don Hemphil will draft an easement agreement for the new location of the city entrance sign. City Clerk Kay Suhr will send a letter to VerSteege Construction canceling any contract for completion of signs, since the project has not been completed.

City Clerk Kay Suhr informed the council that the firm that had completed the asbestos survey on the Sass and Vanderhoff buildings had been back on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and took additional samples with an amended report expected at the end of the week. It was suggested to allow bidders for asbestos removal be provided the information and amend their bids. Asbestos removal bids will now be due by March 17, 2009.

Katie Meyer was present with several young male skateboarders. They presented the council a petition against the skate board ordinance. There was a discussion of the complaints that have been received. The skateboarders requested a probation period. The council set up some guidelines. No skateboarding in front of businesses during business hours. They must respect public and private property. They must give pedestrians the right of way and they must be out of the way of traffic. They were advised that any one incident could ruin it for all.

Hawk made a motion to table the Skate Board Ordinance and to review it again at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VerHelst introduced and caused to be placed on first file Ordinance 01-2009 for Multi Water Meters. To permit a separate water meter not subject to sanitary sewer service charges with the customer purchasing the extra meter. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Whereupon, the Mayor put the question on the motion, and the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Council Member VerHelst, seconded by Council Member Henningsen, moved that the rules requiring certain ordinances to be placed on file at two meetings prior to the meeting at which it is adopted be suspended. That the Ordinance 01-2009 be placed on second and final file. Whereupon, the Mayor put the question on the motion, and the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Henningsen made a motion to finally pass and adopt Ordinance 01-2009, seconded by VerHelst. Whereupon, the Mayor put the question on the motion, and roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and Ordinance 01-2009 was duly passed and adopted and signed his approval thereto.

Henningsen introduced Resolution 5-2009 to adopt rates for the second meter to set the rate at \$5.00 per month plus a charge of \$3.00 per 1000 gallons of water used. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Hawk made a motion to approve and pay Ruthven Insurance for the property Insurance through ICAP for the amount of \$12,476.61. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regard to the Community Disaster Grant. It was suggested to apply for a grant for a lift station pump.

There was a review in regard to billings on businesses. A letter will be sent to any businesses effected.

An update was given in regards to repairs on City Hall. The opinion was to eliminate one bathroom and use the extra bathroom for storage. An invoice from Brennan-Chapman was presented for the repairs which was \$255.20 over the original estimate.

Hawk made a motion to pay \$2800.00 and with hold the \$255.20 until an explanation of additional charges is provided. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was suggested to get an estimate to put a gutter on the west side of City Hall.

VerHelst made a motion to install the left over linoleum by the doors. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Ayes: Johnson, Henningsen, VerHelst. Nays: Hawk. Absent: Schoning.

There was a review of the grants funded by the Palo Alto County Development Corp.

Henningsen made a motion to have City Clerk Kay Suhr order the Park and Playground equipment. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made a motion to proceed with the website grant. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was reported the City of Ruthven has received the first partial payment from the Palo Alto Clerk of Courts Office in regards to a nuisance property.

John and Mary Faulstich were present with a question in regards to if there is an ordinance prohibiting horses in the city limits. An ordinance was given prohibiting horses to be housed within the city limits.

City Clerk Kay Suhr reported that she has applied for a scholarship towards the Clerk School she will be attending in July 2009.

Henningsen made a motion to approve Janon from Data Technologies to assist the City Clerk with budget amendments. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:16 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