

Ruthven City Council Meeting
March 17, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 17th 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, Schoning, VerHelst

ABSENT: None

VerHelst motioned and Henningsen 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.

Mayor Charles Oppedal had vetoed the Multi Water Meter Ordinance due to city employees unable to enact as written.

Henningsen made a motion to advise City Attorney Don Hemphill to prepare a revised ordinance with no monthly fee. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regard to a customer with high usage and the meter had been changed.

Hawk made a motion to have the Hydro meter sent in to be tested to determine if meter was working properly before any adjustments are made to account. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Hawk made a motion to credit all the late penalty fees this month due to an error of the due date on the original billing statements. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The bids were presented for the removal of asbestos from the Sass & Vanderhoff buildings.

Henningsen made a motion to accept the bid from Site Services, Inc from Algona for the amount of \$14,777.00, with the project to be completed in four weeks of being notified by city to start. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Discussion occurred in regards to any remaining items in the building. It was decided that the Council will tour the buildings at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting on April 7th.

Discussion occurred in regard to requirements for bids for demolition of buildings. City Attorney Don Hemphill will draft a list of requirements.

VerHelst made a motion to approve the west Ruthven city entrance sign to be located on the David and Julie Nelson property. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Attorney Don Hemphill will have them sign an easement.

Henningsen made a motion to approve payment to Remillard Custom Wood & Composite Signs for the remainder of the purchase price of the Ruthven city sign. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VerHelst made a motion to approve the purchase of software, laptop computer and training for the purpose of the website grant. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Clerk Kay Suhr updated the council that the playground equipment has been ordered for the playground grant.

The council was informed that the landscaping around the two city signs on Gowrie Street and around the Centennial Park sign that has been 100% funded by two grants will begin in June.

A clarification was made on any business billings that will need to be changed.

City Clerk Kay Suhr updated the council in regards to information she had gathered regarding the Experience Works and RSVP programs to locate assistance with updating the cemetery records as we go computerized.

Henningsen made a motion to approve Custom Cut Gutters to put on a gutter on the west side of City Hall for \$250. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to approve Brennan-Chapman's bid of \$3000 to repair Gowrie Street in the area where the water line broke. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VerHelst made a motion to approve purchase of the lagoon lift pump for the Community Disaster Grant for the amount of \$6,432.00 plus freight. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Discussion occurred regarding a semi truck traveling on non truck routes.

Schoning made a motion to designate June 4th as Ruthven City Cleanup Day. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made a motion to approve City Clerk Kay Suhr to attend the IMFOA and Data Technologies Spring User Group conferences in April. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Clerk Kay Suhr informed the council of an available grant from Farm Bureau for community enhancement. Ideas will be explored for projects that could qualify.

Mayor Charles Oppedal suggested that the city employees and council form a work crew to paint the Strategic Agri Marketing building before the Quasquicentennial.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 by Henningsen and seconded by Hawk. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk