

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
April 21, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 21st 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, Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen entered 6:40.

ABSENT: Schoning

Mayor Oppedal declared the public hearing open for the city's 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed.

VerHelst introduced resolution No. 7-2009, to Accept the Ruthven City Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Seconded by Johnson. Resolution adopted with roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Hawk. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning.

VerHelst 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.

It was reported that removal of the asbestos in the Sass and Vanderhoff buildings has been delayed by the contractor until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Council reviewed the bids submitted for the demolition of the Sass and Vanderhoff buildings.

Henningsen made a motion to accept the bid from Sieh Farm Drainage of Spencer at a cost of \$30,0000 with the City of Ruthven paying the landfill fees. Hawk second the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council was advised that new stop signs and poles from the Street Sign grant have been received.

Playground installation was discussed. Some preparation work will be completed and a date will be set at the next council meeting for a day when volunteers can assist in the installation process.

Financial reports were reviewed in regards to the various services. It was suggested to schedule a meeting with the Lost Island Sanitary Sewer District. Jeff Simington will check on the cost of a flow meter.

The Council reviewed a draft of a billing policy. Suggestions were made and a final policy will be presented at the next meeting.

The Council reviewed a draft of policy for the City marquee sign. Suggestions were made and a final policy will presented at the next meeting.

Street closing for June 6<sup>th</sup> and Bully Bullhead Weekend were discussed and tabled until the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Johnson made a motion to purchase the additional lift station from the City of Leland for \$1,300.00. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regards to the maintenance fee for Calvary Cemetery. It was determined to collect total cemetery expense before determining the fee.

Johnson made a motion to accept Hardline Asphalts bid for street crack sealant for \$1.14 per pound up to \$5000. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made a motion to have City Clerk Kay Suhr get flowers for the city flower pots. VerHelst second the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made a motion to have Kay Suhr attend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant Workshop on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Grimes, Iowa. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Mayor Oppedal suggested the dates of May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup> to have the Council and city employees paint the Strategic Agri Marketing building. Everyone will check schedules.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:18 by VerHelst and seconded by Henningsen. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Charles Oppedal, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk