

Ruthven City Council Meeting
May 5, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 5th Day of May, 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, Schoning, Henningsen, VerHelst entered 6:32.

ABSENT: None

Schoning motioned and Johnson 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 presented to the Council a list of six lifeguards for the 2009 season. With the availability of lifeguards the hours can remain as previous years 1:00-5:30 and 6:30-8:30 Monday thru Saturday and 1:00-6:00 on Sunday. The pool will be opening May 30, 2009.

Henningsen made a motion to approve the lifeguard wages as presented. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Pool Managers contract was reviewed with Kelli Keefer.

Schoning made a motion to accept Ernest Pooler as Ruthven designation for the Ruthven Fire Agency. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Hawk made a motion accept the renewal of the liquor license for Bully's Bar & Grill. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council was updated on the numerous community improvement projects currently underway. Some projects have had some delays due to the weather. Work has started on the Sass and Vanderhoff buildings.

It was reported that the first half first of the Palo Alto County Gaming Development grants has been received. Of these grants, two groups had to partner with the City of Ruthven to be able to apply for grants and their funds will need to be disbursed.

Hawk made a motion to transfer the money received on their behalf for the gaming grants to Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment Association and the Ruthven Little League.

VerHelst made a motion to donate \$1930.00 to Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment Association to assist with matching funds to the gaming grants for their grant for Ruthven Quasquicentennial preparation project. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was reported that the city employees are still preparing for the installation of the playground equipment. It was tabled to select a day when volunteer help for installation will be needed.

Becky Oppedal was present to show the Council a rough draft of the new Ruthven City website. Additional work was described and suggestions were made for features. It is the aim to have the newly designed website up by June 10th.

Katie Meyer was present to provide information she had gathered in regard to grants for a skate parks. The Council advised her to gather additional information as to what type of a skate park is desired and the funding that is available. She was advised to bring back information obtained to the Council meeting on June 2nd for review.

The Council reviewed the expenses for cemetery maintenance in regards to the Calvary Cemetery fee.

Schoning made a motion to change the Calvary Cemetery maintenance fee to \$3,200. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Discussion occurred in regards to the Ruthven City cleanup day to be held June 4th. A schedule of fees were set, for the tags to be purchased for items to be picked up. Items without tags will not be picked up.

VerHelst made a motion to approve the billing policy. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was reported that the Lost Island Sanitary Sewer District will meet with the Council at the city council meeting on June 19, 2009.

Schoning made a motion to accept the Marquee sign policy. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council instructed City Clerk Kay Suhr to run ads for two weeks to look for contractors to clean up nuisance properties.

It was reported that Experience Works program has two individuals that have completed paper work and can be placed to work for the city of Ruthven for up to 20 hours a week. Their wages and workers compensation are entirely paid for by the Experience Works program and will be at no cost to the City of Ruthven.

Schoning motioned to approve Claudia Liessmann and William Joynt to be placed with the City of Ruthven up to 20 hours a week through the Experience Works Program. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Motion to adopt Resolution 08-2009 was made by Henningsen and seconded by VerHelst. Resolution 08-2009 temporarily closes Gowrie Street (from Highland Street to Rolling Street) on Saturday, June 6th, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM. On Friday, July 10th, 2009 from 5:00 PM until Sunday, July 12, 2009 12:00 PM temporarily close Gowrie Street (from Highland Street to Rolling Street). On Friday, July 10th, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM temporarily close Stewart Street (from Main Street to Rolling Street). On Saturday, July 11th, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM temporarily close Railroad Street (from Gowrie Street to Washington Street). On Saturday, July 11th, 2009 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM the streets on the parade route as indicated on the parade route map on file with the City Clerk. On Saturday, July 11th, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM no parking on the west side of Burns Street (from Highland Street to Old Highway 18). Resolution 08-2009 was passed, approved and adopted with roll call vote.

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

Henningsen made a motion to authorize SecureIT software to be obtained for the laptop computer. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regards to the City of Ruthven accepting ownership from the Ruthven-Ayrshire School the old bleachers formerly at the little league field.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:08 by Henningsen and seconded by Hawk. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk