

Ruthven City Council Meeting
June 2, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 19th 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, Schoning, Henningsen, VerHelst entered 6:35, Johnson entered 6:37

ABSENT: None

Schoning 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.

Tim Murphy was in attendance to request additional street closings for the Car Cruise In on June 6th, 2009.

Hawk introduced Resolution 10-2009 to temporarily close Gowrie Street from Main Street to Rolling and one half block east and west of Gowrie Street on Rolling Street from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on June 6, 2009. Seconded by Henningsen. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

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

Katie Meyer was present to share information she had gathered in regard to a skate park.

Information gathered from Bob Payer of Kuehl & Payer was shared in regards to costs.

It was decided to table until August due to unavailability of time due to all other activities.

At that time it will be determined if grants can be obtained to fully fund a skate park, so that no city money would be necessary.

Bob Pettit, Marvin Enns and Stan Smith were present in regards to a property at 1901 Center St. The property is believed to be owned now by Wells Fargo Bank and the grass is not being mowed. It was determined that the city will mow until this can be resolved.

Discussion occurred in regards to current nuisance properties. A list has been compiled and the properties will be reviewed after cleanup day and letters will be sent to properties that still need to be cleaned. The contractor for previous nuisance property was tabled for now to see if property owners will cleanup their own properties.

Two quotes were received for street repair.

Schoning made motion to accept the bid from Fuller & Sons for \$3,500 for street repair.

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

City Clerk Kay Suhr shared information in regards to the lagoon expenses and an estimated bill for Lost Island Sanitary Sewer District for fiscal year 08-09. The information will be provided to the Lost Island Sanitary Sewer District.

VerHelst made a motion to put Ordinance 02-2009 on first filing. To Establish the Collection Fee for Solid Waste at \$15.00 for all households. Effective with the July 1, 2009 billing. Henningsen 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, Schoning, Hawk

Nays: None

VerHelst made a motion to put on second filing Ordinance 02-2009. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk

Nays: None

VerHelst made a motion to finally pass and adopt Ordinance 02-2009. Schoning 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, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and Ordinance 02-2009 was duly passed and adopted and signed his approval thereto.

Hawk made a motion to put Ordinance 03-2009 on first filing. To Establish Sewer Service Rates. . A monthly charge of \$17.00 per month plus a charge of \$3.00 per 1000 gallons used. Effective with the July 1, 2009 billing. Council Member Henningsen 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, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

Hawk made a motion to put on second filing Ordinance 03-2009. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

Hawk made a motion to finally pass and adopt Ordinance 03-2009. Schoning 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, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

The Council was updated on community improvements. The work inside the water tower is completed and they have started to paint the outside. Weather has delayed the project. The demolition of the Sass and Vanderhoff buildings has been done and Sieh's are working on filling the hole.

It was reported that the installation tubes for the playground equipment have been received.

Discussion occurred in regard to City's assistance with the Bully Bullhead activity insurance. Item was tabled until exact amounts can be verified by the insurance agent in late June or early July.

The Palo Alto Sherriff's Office has requested a connection to the secure wireless network connection at City Hall. They are requesting this from all City Halls in the county so officers can access their network in all communities.

Hawk made a motion to allow the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office access the secure wireless network connection at City Hall. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning introduced Resolution 09-2009 to transfer funds. Transfer \$27,639 from the Per Capita Gaming Grant to the Water Fund for the Water Tower. Transfer \$2000 from Community Disaster Grant Fund to the Sewer Fund for the lift Station. Transfer \$6000 from Emergency Revenue from Property Taxes to the General Fund. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

VerHelst made a motion to set rates for faxing and photo copies for the public. Faxing at a rate of \$2.50 for the first page of incoming or outgoing fax. \$.25 for each additional page. Photo copies at \$.25 for each page. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jeff Simington reported of a problem that had occurred at the well that had to be fixed.

It reported of a semi still parking on residential parking that is not on a designated truck route. The owner will be contacted.

It was discussed of the plans to still paint the dentist office by the Council and city employees.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 by VerHelst and seconded by Henningsen. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk