

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
August 18, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 18th Day of August, 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 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.

The list of properties that have received a second letter in regards to nuisance issues on their properties were reviewed.

Schoning made a motion to authorize City Attorney to Don Hemphill to proceed with legal action in regards to nuisance properties owned by Ron Peterson, Annette Woolery and Chris and Shona Horst. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made a motion to use IJOB funding to pay Brown Supply for \$395.00 for storm sewer supplies and approve bid from Clem Joynt for \$5800.00 for storm sewer repair. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to approve the bill to be sent to LISSD for FY 2008-2009 for \$4,478.76. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Clerk Kay Suhr informed the Council that the Ruthven Care Center has resolved the issue for their addresses and will not need an physical address change. The address for the Office of Opportunity is still being explored.

Disposal of city items was discussed. I was decided to leave the old tables from the Social Center in storage for now. It was decided to keep the cash register.

Hawk made a motion to donate the fax machine to Goodwill. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

VerHelst made a motion to replace the carpet on the front steps of city hall. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

Schoning introduced Resolution 12-2009 to put Cemetery Ordinance 04-2009 on first filing to Establish and Regulate Crown Hill Cemetery. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

VerHelst made a motion to take down a cottonwood tree in the street right away adjacent to 1303 Center St. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

It was suggested to obtain information on electrical or solar lighting for the community signs. This could be a suggestion for an application for a grant from Palo Alto County Gaming Development.

It was reported that the City of Ruthven has received it's second and final payment for the Playground grant from Palo Alto County Gaming Development.

VerHelst made a motion to draft a letter to Doran Scott in regards to removal of storage or junk trailers on residential property. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 by Hawk and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Jay Schoning, Mayor Pro Tem

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk