

Ruthven City Council Meeting
September 1, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 1st Day of September, 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 Pro Tem, Jay Schoning in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Hawk, Johnson, Schoning, VerHelst

ABSENT: Henningsen, Oppedal

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.

Chris Burg had requested to be on the agenda in regards to garbage complaint, but he was not present. Council was provided information.

Chris & Shona Horst had requested to be on the agenda in regards to high water bill, but they were not present. Council was provided information.

Nuisance properties were discussed. It was noted that several properties have shown improvement. It was discussed further action to be take on remaining properties. Discussion occurred in regard to trailers being used for storage at 1303 Main Street. The owner has been contacted to remove.

A problem was discussed regarding a large recreational open burning. The Council will review the open burning ordinance to see if defining the limitations on recreational open burning may need to be added. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Hawk made a motion to put on second filing the Cemetery Ordinance 04-2009 to Establish and Regulate Crown Hill Cemetery. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Hawk, Schoning

Nayes: None

Absent: Henningsen

Schoning introduced Resolution 13-2009 to approve the City Street Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Hawk, Schoning

Nayes: None

Absent: Henningsen

Lynn Schulte's from the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office was present to report the statistics from the last month. It was discussed bringing the speed detector sign back for a while on Gowrie St.

Garland Chambers was present to request an adjustment or waiving of the reconnect fee for each time he has his service turned back on. The Council determined that the standard \$50 reconnect fee would still be required for maintaining the pipes year round.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:43 by Johnson and seconded by VerHelst. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jay Schoning, Mayor Pro Tem

Kay Suhr, City Clerk