

Ruthven City Council Meeting
October 6, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 6th Day of October, 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: Henningsen, Johnson, Schoning, VerHelst, Hawk entered 6:35.

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.

Dave Marks was present to provide information on a USDA grant that Palo Alto County Emergency Management would like to be authorized to apply through the City of Ruthven. The grant would be for storm sirens for the south side of Lost Island Lake. The city would have no financial obligation. Due to Median Household Income guidelines they would be able to receive 75% of the project if applied through the City of Ruthven.

Hawk made a motion to authorize Palo Alto County Emergency Management to apply for a USDA grant through the City of Ruthven for storm sirens. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred into a request to be allowed to build their own septic system. At this time it is believed that they could connect to the city sewer systems, so this would not be allowed.

VerHelst made a motion to put on second filing the Open Burning Ordinance 05-2009 to regulate open burning. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Hawk, Schoning

Nayes: None

Schoning made a motion that the rules requiring certain ordinances to be placed on file at two meetings prior to the meeting at which it is adopted be suspended. VerHelst 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

Schoning made a motion to final adopt Open Burning Ordinance 05-2009 to regulate open burning. Motion seconded by Henningsen. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

Schoning made a motion to file a nuisance abatement against the property owner of 1303 Main Street. Henningsen seconded the motion. Ayes – VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk. Nayes – Johnson. Motion carried.

Henningsen introduced Resolution 14-2009 to adopt a policy for Use of City Owned Bleachers. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VerHelst introduced Resolution 15-2009 to designate and combine cemetery CD's for perpetual care. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Hawk

Nayes: None

Hawk made a motion to set Trick or Treat night for October 31, 2009 between the hours of 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Clerk Kay Suhr updated the Council on the changes for the upcoming Palo Alto County Gaming Development grants.

Council was updated for the landscaping project for the Iowa Living Roadways grant. I was also suggested to see if we can apply for this grant again. Deadline is October 15, 2009.

The Council was updated on a public health hazard complaint.

Schoning made a motion to authorize Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority to operate within the city limits. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VerHelst made a motion to cancel the October 20, 2009 City Council meeting as the City Clerk will be attending a conference. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jeff Simington informed the Council he would be flushing fire hydrants Oct. 14, 15 and 16.

Henningsen made a motion to order the service manual for the payloader. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to approve the Lee family to have a bench installed at Crownhill Cemetery in adjacent to their headstones. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to approve City Clerk Kay Suhr to attend a budget workshop Nov. 19th. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 by Henningsen and seconded by VerHelst. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk