

Ruthven City Council Meeting
November 3, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 3rd Day of November, 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.

Ron Brockmeyer was present to discuss a Community Garden in Ruthven. The E. A. Nelson family has agreed to donate to the City of Ruthven a piece of property at the corner of Gowrie and Carr Street for a Community Garden. It would be modeled after the community garden currently established in Emmetsburg. The Lost Island – Ruthven Betterment Association would be responsible for getting it tilled and plotted out.

Hawk made a motion to proceed with the Community Garden project with the City of Ruthven accepting ownership of the property. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Alan Oppedal was present representing the Ruthven American Legion. The Legion is requesting to partner with the City of Ruthven for two Palo Alto County Gaming Development grants. One for a mini grant for a new flag pole and another regular grant for repairs to their building.

Henningsen made a motion to support the partnership with the Legion for these grants. Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was reported that City Clerk Kay Suhr was working with the Iowa Lakes Landscape and Turf Management group to obtain the necessary requirements to apply for another Iowa Living Roadways grant for landscaping around the two Ruthven City signs on highway 18. Deadline for grant is Dec. 1. It was also discussed about applying for a Mini Palo Alto Gaming grant for solar lights for the signs and a regular Palo Alto Gaming grant that matches the funds needed for the grant with Iowa Living Roadways for the landscaping around the signs.

Schoning made a motion to pay any deposit remaining after the final bill, as requested by a customer moving out of Ruthven. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

An update was given on nuisance properties.

VerHelst made a motion file an additional nuisance abatement against the property owner of 1304 Washington Street. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The additional request for authorization from Northwest IA Regional Housing authority was tabled.

Henningsen made a motion to donate \$120 to the Experience Works program. Jay seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Loan repayment was discussed.

Recycling options and promotion were discussed. More information will be gathered in regards to this.

The Annual Report was reviewed by the Council.

The Council was updated that the Emergency Management found out that they will not be able to partner with the city for a grant for storm sirens at Lost Island Lake.

It was discussed due to weather conditions. The burning of approved lawn waste will continue to be allowed until the first snow.

The Council was updated on meetings the City Clerk Kay Suhr will need to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 by VerHelst and seconded by Hawk. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk