

Ruthven City Council Meeting
November 17, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 17th 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 Pro Tem, Jay Schoning in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Hawk, Johnson, Schoning, VerHelst, Oppedal entered 6:59.

ABSENT: Henningsen

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.

Johnson made a motion to install a water meter and meter pit at 3538 360th St at the cities cost. Hawk seconded the motion. Ayes – Johnson, VerHelst, Hawk. Nayses – Schoning. Absent – Henningsen. Motion carried.

The Council was updated on nuisance properties.

Hawk made a motion to proceed with property tax special assessment for mowing expenses for 1901 Center St. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Hawk made a motion to appoint Patty Rouse to the Ruthven Library Board. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VerHelst introduced Resolution 15-2009 to authorize Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority to function in the City of Ruthven. . Hawk seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Schoning, Johnson, VerHelst, Hawk

Nayses: None

Absent: Henningsen

City Attorney Don Hemphill advised the Council he had been trying to contact E.A. Nelson in regards to them donating the property, believed to be Block 39, North Ruthven, to the city for a Community Garden. He will continue to work on the arrangements.

The Council was given an update on the recycling information gathered.

Jeff Simington reported that the clutch went out of the old snow plow.

Hawk made a motion to replace the clutch on the snow plow. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Meeting to be held Dec. 8th was discussed. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Schoning made a motion to donate \$50 to Compass Pointe. There was no second. Motion died for lack of a second.

Jeff Simington reported of problems at the Care Center lift station.

Discussion occurred in regards to handling outstanding bills.

Mike Reynolds was present to discuss with the Council the idea of strategic planning and economic development for the City of Ruthven. It was decided to work on this at the end of the meeting to be held Dec. 15, 2009.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:44 by Schoning and seconded by VerHelst. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jay Schoning, Mayor Pro Tem

Kay Suhr, City Clerk