

Ruthven City Council Meeting
July 7, 2009

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 7th Day of July, 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, VerHelst

ABSENT: Hawk, Schoning

Henningsen motioned and VerHelst 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.

Shelly Derrickson was present to request 2 handicap signs for the north side of Bully's Bar and Grill.

Henningsen made a motion to approve the placement of the 2 handicap signs. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Kelli Keefer was present to give a report on the pool. A problem with the pump had occurred today and is being worked on. Memberships are up from last year. Due to staff vacations there will be no night hours during the week of July 23-28. August 16th will be the last day open for the season.

Robert Marlow was present in regards to high usage utility bill.

Henningsen made a motion to adjust the sewer charges on the bill for the non use of sewer. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was noted that some nuisance properties have made an effort to clean up. The properties will be reviewed again in the future.

A letter will sent to an individual in regards to semi parking.

Discussion occurred in regards to standards for cemetery stone installation.

A letter requesting a variance to the cemetery ordinance for an additional cremation burial in an individual plot was discussed. It was determined that since this could take place several years in the future that the request couldn't be granted now, since rules and ordinances could vary in the future.

Henningsen made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to obtain a line of credit from Iowa State Bank for up to \$110,000. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen made a motion to obtain \$20,000 from a cemetery CD #22098 for the cemetery portion of the payload. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen introduced Resolution 11-2009 to discard old bill stubs prior to 2004. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen

Nays: None

Absent: Schoning, Hawk

The Census 2010 was discussed and the importance that all citizens return the forms.

Request for funds from Palo Alto County Economic Development was tabled.

Maintenance contract with McGuire Iron was tabled.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 by VerHelst and seconded by Henningsen. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk