

Ruthven City Council Meeting
March 16, 2010

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 2nd Day of March, 2010, 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: Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson, Schoning, VerHelst

ABSENT: None

Mayor Oppedal declared the public hearing open for the city's 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed.

Schoning introduced resolution No. 5-2010, to Accept the Ruthven City Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Seconded by VerHelst. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

Aye: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

VerHelst motioned and Schoning 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.

Tim Murphy was not present in regards to the Cruise In.

Mary Steffen was present to propose an offer to give her building at 1311 Gowrie St. to the City of Ruthven. It was discussed that adjusters were coming on March 18th. Item was tabled to see result of the adjusters determinations.

Correspondence from Jon Josephson was shared in regards to renewal of the cemetery maintenance contract. The contract would be for the same amount as last year but he has requested some replacement equipment.

Schoning made a motion to approve Jon Josephson's Cemetery contract for \$10,650.00. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to approve the purchase of the cemetery equipment requested. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Valerie Lowe was present to request a release from Ruthven City Water and be allowed to connect to Iowa Lakes Rural Water at their residence at 3427 335th St.

Henningsen made a motion to allow Lowe's to disconnect from Ruthven City water and connect to Iowa Lakes Rural water with the stipulation that if Ruthven water infrastructure is changed that they would be required to reconnect to Ruthven City water within 5 years of that improvement. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A discussion occurred in regards to the letter sent from City Attorney Don Hemphill to a resident in regards to issues with cat litter in sewer line.

Discussed occurred again in regards to golf cart permits. The Council instructed the City Clerk to find out costs for decal permits.

Discussion occurred in regards to the Sanculi property at 1206 Gowrie St. The Council will further investigate the ownership of this property, but at this time they are not willing to purchase the property.

Schoning made a motion to approve that Palo Alto County Sanitarian place radon testing kits available for sale at the Ruthven City Hall. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council was presented with a list of all the gaming grants awarded to the city and other organizations the city sponsored. The city employees were instructed on how to proceed on the city grants.

The Council was presented a water loss report. Steps will be taken to research that issue.

The City Clerk was instructed to send a notice of enforcement of the disconnect policy with the late notices for April and May.

Schoning made a motion to approve the City Clerk to attend Data Tech User Meeting, Spring IMFOA both in April and the IA Municipal Professionals Institute in July. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Henningsen introduced resolution No. 6-2010, to Accept the resignation of Charles Oppedal as Mayor effective April 30, 2010 and to publish the council proposal to fill the vacancy by appointment. Seconded by VerHelst. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

Aye: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 by Henningsen and seconded by VerHelst. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Charles Oppedal, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk