

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
June 15, 2010

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 15th Day of June, 2010, at 6:07 PM the Council toured the city regarding nuisance properties. Regular session commenced, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:30, pursuant to law and to the rules of said council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Trenton Keefer in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson, Schoning,

ABSENT: VerHelst

Henningsen 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.

Al Reinders was present to request a bill adjustment for the fee to reconnect an idle service.

Schoning made a motion to allow the waiving of the reconnect fee since the landlord could not be contacted before the tenant had moved and disconnection occurred. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Ron Brockmeyer was present to update the Council on the Community Gardens and to request if the city could mow the grass area.

Schoning made a motion to have the city employees mow the grass area of the Community Gardens. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Terry Kraft was present to discuss the possibility of obtaining a liquor license for off premise sales at Ruthven Meat Processing. The discussion by the Council showed a general approval for an application to be filed. Terry will proceed with filing an application.

Terri Whitaker was present and a discussion occurred in regards to the buildings at 1309 & 1311 Gowrie Street.

Henningsen made a motion that it is the intention of the City of Ruthven to proceed with nuisance abatement against the owners of the property at 1311 Gowrie St. It is the City of Ruthven's intention that demolition and removal is accomplished. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council reviewed the list of nuisance properties that were noted on the tour of the city. The City Clerk was instructed to send out letters as designated.

Motion to adopt Resolution 11-2010 was made by Schoning and seconded by Henningsen. Resolution 11-2010 temporarily closes Gowrie Street (from Highland Street to Rolling Street) on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM. On Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM temporarily close Stewart Street (from Main Street to Rolling Street). On Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM temporarily close Railroad Street (from Gowrie Street to Washington Street). On Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM the streets on the parade route as indicated on the parade route map on file with the City Clerk. On Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM no parking on the west side of Bruce Street (from Highland Street to Old Highway 18). Resolution 11-2010 was passed, approved and adopted with roll call vote. Aye: Johnson, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: VerHelst

Henningsen made a motion to put Ordinance 02-2010 on first filing. To amend regulations in regards to Street and Alley Excavations. Johnson 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, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson

Nayes: None

Absent: VerHelst

A children crossing sign was tabled.

Updates were given regarding the various status of grants.

Discussion occurred in regards to obtaining the proposal to update the ordinances book. City Attorney Don Hemphill will provide some information.

Schoning made a motion to give a 3% raise to the full time city employees effective June 25, 2010. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jeff Simington expressed a need for a welding gun to fix repairs at the lagoon. The Council advised him to get estimates.

Henningsen made a motion to approve Bully's Outdoor Service liquor license for July 10, 2010. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to pay \$1200 towards the special event insurance for Bully Bullhead Weekend. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:47 by Henningsen and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Trenton Keefer, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk