

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
July 6, 2010

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 6th Day of July, 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, Trenton Keefer in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson, Schoning, VerHelst

ABSENT: None

Henningsen motioned and Anderson 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.

Ralph and Sherry Ruggles were present to express concerns about the street and sidewalk by their property. Information was provided that it is believed the contractor was going to start work later in the week.

The Council was updated on a break in at the pool.

The Council was provide information on the resubmitted DNR SWAP Grant.

It was discussed to spray for bugs if possible before Bully Bullhead Weekend.

Henningsen made a motion to put Ordinance 02-2010 to Amended the Street and Alley Regulations in regards to Excavations on second filing and to waive the rules and proceed to final adopt. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Ayes: Johnson, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson

Nay: None

VerHelst made a motion to finally pass and adopt Ordinance 02-2010. Henningsen 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, VerHelst, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson

Nay: None

Discussion occurred in regards to the status of nuisance properties.

The Council was advised of a possible disaster declaration due to the heavy rains.

The State has declared a disaster and information is being gathered to determine if it will be declared Federally. The Clerk will keep the Council updated as information is obtained.

Schoning made a motion to approve proposal A. from Blacktop services for a street project on Carr street.

Jeff Simington advised the Council that they will be flushing hydrants 7/14 to 7/16.

Discussion occurred in regards to sidewalk repair by City lot. It was suggested to have Grandstaff Construction repair the patch when doing street repair.

Schoning made a motion to direct staff to begin the process to change the Council meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of the month effective with August 18<sup>th</sup>. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

David and Julie Nelson were present to discuss the sewer backup in their basement.

Johnson made a motion to direct staff to cooperate and monitor progress with the insurance companies investigation to encourage a prompt resolution. VerHelst seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Marv and Mary Steffen were present in regards to a hearing for nuisance for their property at 1311 Gowrie St. Terri Whitaker was present in regards to her property at 1309 Gowrie St.

Discussion occurred regarding the past history and possible solutions. Steffen's did agree to allow the City to have their building tested for asbestos.

VerHelst made a motion to have the building at 1311 Gowrie St. tested for asbestos. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council directed the City Clerk to gather information on any possible funding.

Henningsen made a motion to cancel the Council meeting for July 20<sup>th</sup>. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 by Henningsen and seconded by VerHelst. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Trenton Keefer, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk