

Ruthven City Council Meeting
August 3, 2010

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 3rd Day of August, 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 Pro Tem, Jay Schoning in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Anderson, Henningsen, Schoning,

ABSENT: Johnson, VerHelst

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.

Henningsen made a motion to approve the liquor license for Ruthven Meat Processing. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to draft a letter of support for the Ruthven Trails project. The letter of support is to be used to be used as support material to help their committee to obtain grants. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council was updated that the insurance claims for Nelson's and Stone's have been denied by the insurance company. The City however has filed a claim for damages the city has incurred at the sewer lagoon.

The buildings at 1309 & 1311 Gowrie Street were discussed. A report regarding asbestos was unable to be obtained in time for the meeting. The Council postponed any decisions until the report can be obtained. A special meeting could be called in regard to this matter.

Samples of Street Excavation permit applications were reviewed. The City Clerk will draft a permit to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Current status in regards to nuisance properties were discussed and actions to be taken.

City Clerk Kay Suhr announced that the City of Ruthven has been awarded a DNR SWAP grant for \$3,156 towards a recycling trailer. Further paperwork will need to be completed before the project can proceed. This grant will be matched with the PACGDC grant already awarded.

The Council was updated that a Federal disaster has been declared for Palo Alto County for the summer storms. The City Clerk will attend a briefing meeting on Thursday.

Henningsen made a motion to approve the city to obtain a line of credit loan with a cap of \$100,000 and borrow \$25,000 at this time. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to approve the bill to LISSD for FY 2009-2010. Henningsen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The decision regarding the update to the ordinance book was postponed until another meeting.

Discussion occurred in regards to legislative changes that might require the mayor vacancy filled by appointment to be put on a ballot this fall. If this is required, nomination papers would need to be filed with the City Clerk by August 24th.

Council approved that the City Clerk use a complaint form as presented.

Henningsen made a motion to change the August 17th meeting to August 18th at 6:30 PM. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Arlo Duhn was present to request a flashing light on the speed limit sign on Highway 18. The City Clerk will pass this information along to the governing agency.

Mary Steffen was present and presented the Council with a petition regarding a community center. No action was taken by the Council.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:305 by Henningsen and seconded by Anderson. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.