

Ruthven City Council Meeting
September 1, 2010

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 1st Day of September, 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, Johnson, Schoning,

ABSENT: Henningsen, VerHelst

Schoning motioned and Johnson 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.

Carla Larson was present to discuss a zoning permit for her property at 1408 Main St. It was determined that the addition is on her property, but not within the required zoning regulations. This will be referred to the Board of Adjustments for a variance.

The buildings at 1309 and 1311 Gowrie Street were discussed. A Keep Iowa Beautiful Grant has been submitted. The liability coverage had been researched and initially would be covered but after a review may be denied.

Johnson made a motion for the City of Ruthven to take no action regarding these buildings. Anderson seconded the motion. Aye – Johnson, Anderson. Nay – Schoning. Absent – Henningsen, VerHelst. Motion carried.

Nuisance properties were discussed.

Johnson made a motion to send a notice to the property owners of 1206 Gowrie regarding the unsafe building. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Johnson made a motion to send a notice to the property owner at 1305 Burns St that progress needs to be made by September 15. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council was updated that the Lost Island – Ruthven Betterment will be having a big screen TV and projector screen installed in the Social Center from their Palo Alto Co. Gaming grant.

Schoning made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Jeff Simington as Public Works Director. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council discussed the interview process.

Schoning made a motion to set a Special Meeting for September 8, 2010 at 7 PM for the purpose of hiring a city employee. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion set the following Ruthven City charges. \$50 an hour for mowing or any process needed to abate weeds and grass. To set the fees for Unusual/Extensive Records Search and Copies. The fee will be \$30 up to the first hour. \$30 per hour for any additional time over the first hour. Plus copy charges will apply. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to put Ordinance 03-2010 on second filing. An Ordinance Setting the Meeting Date and Time by Resolution. 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, Schoning, Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Henningsen, VerHelst

City Finances were briefly discussed. It was suggested to possibly schedule a special meeting.

The Council was updated that Brian Klein with North IA Environmental, LLC has been secured to assist as needed with the necessary testing until we have an employee certified.

Johnson made a motion to send an invoice for the corrective billing to Pro Cooperative as presented. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was stated that Mayor Keefer had proclaimed the week of Sept. 12-18 as National Assisted Living Week.

Schoning made a motion to donate \$100 to the Booster Club. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion for the City Clerk to seek assistance with the City Street Financial report if needed. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to set Trick or Treat night for October 31, 2010 between the hours of 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 by Schoning and seconded by Anderson. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Trenton Keefer, Mayor

Kay Suhr, City Clerk