

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
June 21, 2011

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 21st Day of June, 2011, 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, Sean Gray in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson, Schnetzer, Schoning existed 7:59

ABSENT: None

Schoning 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.

Joan Cate and Ernie Pooler were present to discuss a dispute with a neighboring property owner and location of alley between the properties. Item was tabled to allow the city clerk to gather information on the property lines.

Gary Knoer was present to request water service at his building at 1205 Gowrie St for the Masonic Lodge event for Bully Bullhead Weekend.

Schoning made a motion to reconnect the service for the weekend and waive the reconnect fee. That the city donate up to 500 gallons of water and anything over that would be billed. Schnetzer seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Judy Broadie was present to address the letter sent to her from the city attorney regarding her nuisance property issue at 1305 Burns St. She has checked into ways to handle resolving the problem. The Council directed her to have a final plan and a time table by the July 5, 2011 council meeting.

It was decided the Council will meet at 5:45 on July 5<sup>th</sup> to tour the community in regards to nuisance properties.

It was discussed the request from Lost Island Protective Association to hire the city to spray for mosquitos. It was determined that the city doesn't have the proper requirements to hire out for this service.

The request for partial refund from a family to single pool membership was discussed. It was tabled until the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting due to an outstanding bill.

The letter to be mailed out regarding removal of any sump pumps in the sanitary sewer system was reviewed.

Discussion occurred regarding the start up of the recycling program.

Henningsen made a motion to hire substitute help for recycling at \$7.25 if needed. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Discussion occurred regarding the liability insurance for Bully Bullhead Weekend. The total cost of the insurance this year is \$2,162.41.

Henningsen made the motion to pay \$1400 towards the liability insurance for Bully Bullhead Weekend. Schnetzer seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Motion to adopt Resolution 15-2011 was made by Henningsen and seconded by Johnson. Resolution 15-2011 temporarily closes Stewart Street on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM (from Main Street to Rolling Street). On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM temporarily close Railroad Street (from Gowrie Street to Washington Street). On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM no parking on the west side of Bruce Street (from Highland Street to Old Highway 18). closes Gowrie Street (from Highland Street to Rolling Street) from 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 9, 2011 to 2:00 AM on Sunday, July 10, 2011. Resolution 15-2011 was passed, approved and adopted with roll call vote.

Aye: Johnson, Schnetzer, Henningsen, Schoning, Anderson. Nay: None.

Year end transfers were discussed. They will be approved at the next meeting.

Henningsen made a motion to give a 3% raise to the full time city employees effective July 8, 2011. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye

It was discussed putting a children at play sign near 1806 Bruce St.

Henningsen made a motion to hire Janitor's Closet to wax the social center floors. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Council was briefly given information regarding the "Our Story" promotion of Ruthven that will taking place in the near future.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:14 by Johnson and seconded by Henningsen. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Sean Gray, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk