

Ruthven City Council Meeting  
January 21, 2012

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 21st Day of January, 2012, at 9:00 AM, 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, David J Kirk in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present:

PRESENT: Anderson, Conlon, Schoning

ABSENT: Henningsen

Anderson motioned and Conlon 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.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had met with the city staff and they will be working on a Risk Management Plan for the city.

Conlon introduced Resolution no. 01-2012, "A resolution of the city council of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, to approve how the City of Ruthven Conducts Bank Business. Seconded by Anderson. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

Aye: Schoning, Anderson, Conlon. Nay: None Absent: Henningsen

Anderson introduced Resolution no. 02-2012, "A resolution of the city council of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, to Authorize the City Clerk to Pay Routine Bills. Seconded by Schoning. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

Aye: Schoning, Anderson, Conlon. Nay: None Absent: Henningsen

Schoning introduced Resolution no. 03-2012, "A resolution of the city council of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, to set the time and place for the regular Ruthven City Council Meetings. Seconded by Conlon. Resolution adopted with roll call vote.

Aye: Schoning, Anderson, Conlon. Nay: None Absent: Henningsen

The Council was informed that an investigation is proceeding in regards to owners of vicious dogs that are still not in compliance with the new ordinance.

The Council was informed of the judgment imposed regarding the nuisance infraction on the Broadie property.

Discussion occurred regarding trucks parked at 1303 Main St. The trucks have not been made operable as stated by the property owner.

Conlon made a motion to have the City Attorney draft a letter to the property owner of 1303 Main St to remove the vehicles in thirty days. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to put Ordinance 07-2011 on second filing. An Ordinance Concerning Deposits for Municipal Water Service. Anderson seconded the motion. Whereupon, the Mayor put the question on the motion, and the roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows:

Aye: Schoning, Anderson, Conlon. Nay: None Absent: Henningsen

Anderson made a motion to advertise for bids for the Crownhill Cemetery Maintenance Contract. Deadline for the bids will be Feb., 20, 2012. Conlon seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to accept the Sheriff contract for FY 2012-2013. Conlon seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The budget schedule and preparations were discussed.

Conlon made a motion to set the budget workshop for Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Discussion occurred regarding the open Council seat. One individual has expressed an interest in serving and will be invited to the next Council meeting.

The Mayor and City Clerk informed the Council on details regarding an annual insurance review and suggested changes to be made to the policy.

Schoning made a motion to make changes to the insurance as presented. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Discussion occurred regarding two savings bonds that are about to reach maximum maturity in March. Item tabled and will be reviewed at a March meeting.

Mayor Kirk reappointed Schoning as Mayor Pro Tem. Schoning accepted.

Anderson made a motion to issue a check to the Lost Island – Betterment Association for final payment on their grant from Palo Alto Co. Gaming Development. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was reported that two full grant applications for the City of Ruthven were submitted to Palo Alto Co. Gaming Development.

Conlon made a motion to reappoint Judy Naber's to the Ruthven Library Board for a six year term, effective back to the expiration of her previous term.

The Council reviewed a preliminary library budget for FY 2012-2013.

The Council was informed of two more water leaks that have been located and repaired.

The Council was provided with updated pumping reports for water and sewer for FY 2011-2012.

The City staff reported of equipment problems experienced with the payloader and snow plow.

The annual wage report was presented and will be published.

Schoning made a motion to donate \$100 to Ruthven-Ayrshire Post Prom. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Schoning made a motion to renew the city website domain for 3 years or more. Conlon seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was discussed that the Ruthven Fire Department is booking a big band for Bully Bullhead Weekend, which may require a variation for the street closing for the dance.

Conlon made a motion to replace the vacuum for city hall. Schoning seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

It was reported that the Mayor and City Clerk will be working with Iowa Codification to continue to update the ordinance book.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:04 AM by Conlon and seconded by Anderson. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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David J Kirk, Mayor

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Kay Suhr, City Clerk