

Ruthven City Council Meeting
January 6, 2015

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 6th Day of January, 2015, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to law and to the rules of said council.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David J Kirk in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present; Mitch Anderson, Justin Henningsen, Dustin Johnson and Jay Schoning. Absent; Dave Forey

City employees present; Dave Conlon, Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman

Motion by Schoning, Second by Anderson to approve the Minutes from the December 18, 2014 meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Kelly and Lenny of I+S Engineering were on hand to share information about the Water Resource Restoration Program. The program is a part of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and enables eligible wastewater utilities to finance and pay for projects, within or outside the corporate limit, that cover best management practices for nonpoint source pollution control. Applications are due by March 3, 2015, so there will be a meeting scheduled within two weeks between Ruthven Mayor Kirk, Councilman Henningsen, I+S representatives, DNR representatives and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) representatives to begin the application process.

Motion by Henningsen, Second by Johnson to approve Resolution 01-2015 A Resolution to Conduct Bank Business. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Motion by Anderson, Second by Henningsen to approve Resolution 02-2015 A Resolution Authorizing City Clerk to Pay Routine Bills. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Motion by Johnson, Second by Schoning to approve Resolution 03-2015 A Resolution Setting the Regular Council Meeting Date and Time for the Ruthven City Council. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Motion by Schoning, Second by Anderson to approve Resolution 04-2015 A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 City Budget and Directing the Publication of Notice. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Motion by Anderson, Second by Johnson to approve Resolution 05-2015 A Resolution Designating Official Newspaper. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen & Johnson. Abstention; Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Motion by Schoning, Second by Henningsen to approve a Funding Pledge Request from Compass Pointe in the amount of \$139.50. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Motion by Henningsen, Second by Johnson to approve a Funding Pledge Request from CAASA in the amount of \$250.00. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

After discussion was held on the funding request from Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation regarding a Per Capita Commitment in the amount of \$4,422.00 per year for the next three years, subject was dropped as no motion was brought to the table to support funding the commitment. City of Ruthven will not be sending funds to PACEDC.

Discussion was held in regards to city continuing to hire part-time personnel to do cemetery maintenance at Crownhill and Calvary Cemeteries or go back to the contracted cemetery maintenance. Mayor Kirk mentioned that the two years the city hired personnel to do the maintenance, the city saved an approximate \$5,000.00 each year, which results in approximately \$1.25 per household per month savings on utility bills. There were several complaints over the past two years regarding the maintenance quality and wages of cemetery employees, therefore going forward with a contractor, they

will have to answer for complaints and make sure cemeteries are kept up per the agreement requirements. Decision was made to go back to hiring a contractor.

Motion by Schoning, Second by Anderson to direct Clerk Tatman to advertise in all surrounding newspapers for Contracted Cemetery Maintenance for maintenance period of April to October 2015. Due date is set as February 11, 2015. Contractors will be asked to send price quotes for using own equipment along with a quote to use city equipment. Ayes; Anderson, Henningsen, Johnson & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

Public Works Director Conlon informed Mayor and Council there is a broken check valve at the lagoon that must be fixed. He will have to call in the pumper to run while fixing the valve as both will need to be shut down prior to fixing. Conlon estimates \$2,000.00 for repairs.

Street Superintendent Loder informed Mayor and Council there are a few cars that are parked on city streets at all times including during snow emergencies. Clerk Tatman will get the Snow Event/Emergency Parking Ordinance Notice on the Roll-up and in papers as a reminder to residents to not park on any city streets or alleys from 12 AM to 7 AM During a Snow Event (Prediction of 2" of Snow) and Continuing for 24 hrs. after snow event has ended. If cars are not removed from streets, Citations will be issued! Clerk Tatman will make a windshield notice that can be put on windshields of cars in violation of the ordinance.

Mayor Kirk was informed by Palo Alto County Sheriff Schulte's that Deputy Reed is no longer employed by the department. Sheriff informed Mayor there will be no lack of coverage for patrol times or emergency services, as the contract does not specify an individual deputy to patrol Ruthven.

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm by Henningsen, Second by Anderson. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Henningsen & Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Forey

David J Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk