

Ruthven City Council Meeting
March 17, 2015 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 17th Day of March, 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, Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson. Absent; Jay Schoning. City employees present; Dave Conlon, Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman.

Motion by Henningsen, second Johnson to approve the Minutes from March 3, 2015 meeting, the Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson. Nays; None. Absent; Schoning.

Mark Hunefeld, Palo Alto EMA Coordinator was present to share information with the Mayor and Council in regards to the new Alert Iowa Statewide Messaging System. Alert Iowa is a statewide mass notification and emergency messaging system. The system is used by local authorities to quickly disseminate Emergency Information to residents. Residents will be able to sign up for the type of alerts they prefer to receive. Messages will be issued via landline, wireless phone, text messaging, email, fax, TDD/TYY and social media. He stated that he is hoping the system for Palo Alto County will be up and running by May 1, 2015.

Motion by Johnson, second Henningsen, to approve Resolution 9-2015-A Resolution Adopting a Social Media Policy for the City of Ruthven. By roll call vote Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson. Nays; None. Absent; Schoning.

Clerk Tatman informed Mayor and Council the city owns 4 Savings Bonds that are fully matured and no longer earning interest. Total of bonds are approximately \$15,187.80. Clerk was instructed to find out current interest rates for CD's along with what the active interest rates on current and future loans are to see if saving interest is a possibility and report back to council at next meeting on April 7, 2015.

Motion by Henningsen, second Johnson to set Thursday, May 28, 2015 as Ruthven City Wide Clean-Up Day. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson. Nays; None. Absent; Schoning. Residents may start setting items out Friday, May 22nd after 3:00 p.m. All plans for Clean-Up Day will need to be approved by Harris Sanitation before any advertising will begin.

R/A student Sarah Alexander requested a Letter of Support from the Mayor and Council in regards to a scholarship application for her community project through the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award. Motion by Johnson, second Anderson to approve letter of support. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson. Nays; None. Absent; Schoning

Motion by Henningsen, second Johnson to approve Pool Board Lifeguard recommendations as follows. Ryan Jacks as Head Lifeguard at pay rate of \$9.00/hour, Alesha Sikora and Cami Buettner as Lifeguards at pay rate of \$8.60/hour, Noah Stukey as Lifeguard at pay rate of \$7.85/hour, Jared Sikora, Sarah Alexander & Shania Storey as Lifeguards at pay rate of \$7.60/hour and Aaron Jacks, Brady Rosacker, Hunter Gentry, Madison Schnetzer and Shaylee Horst as new Lifeguards at pay rate of \$7.50/hour. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson. Nays; None. Absent; Schoning.

Motion by Forey, second Anderson to set Ruthven Pool opening date as Saturday, May 23, 2015. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson. Nays; None. Absent; Schoning.

Motion by Anderson, second Johnson to set May 1, 2015 as Lifeguard start date for training, painting and cleaning at the pool. Work schedule to be determined by weather and employees schedules. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Street Superintendent Loder requested he be able to obtain quotes for street repairs throughout the city. Portions of streets mentioned were Center, Rolling, Carr and West streets. He was told to coordinate with engineer on if any water and sewer lines under those streets will need to be repaired prior to street repairs. He is to report back to council at next meeting on April 7, 2015.

Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. April 7, 2015 to drive the town to get a list of nuisance violations prior to the council meeting that night.

Motion by Henningsen, second by Anderson to adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen & Johnson Nays; None Absent; Schoning