

Ruthven City Council Meeting
April 7, 2015 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 7th Day of April, 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; Dave Forey, Dustin Johnson and Jay Schoning. Absent; Mitch Anderson and Justin Henningsen

City employees present; City Attorney Don Hemphill, Dave Conlon, Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman.

Motion by Forey, second Johnson to approve the Minutes from March 17, 2015 meeting, the Claims Report, the Clerk's Financial Reports and Payout of PACGDC Grant Funds to LIRBA. Ayes; Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Anderson and Henningsen

City Council and Mayor did the annual drive around town inspecting properties that fit into the nuisance property category. Discussion was held regarding those properties and Clerk Tatman was instructed to draft letters to the violators so they will be able to utilize the City Wide Clean Up Day of May 28th to dispose of their yard clutter. Council also discussed the possibility of using an outside source for enforcing the nuisance codes. Clerk Tatman was asked to contact NWIPDC for information on their program and present to council at next council meeting on April 21st.

Discussion was then held regarding the current 657a properties. Motion by Schoning, second Johnson to request that the Judge continue the hearing date for after August 1, 2015 for property owner at 1305 Burns St. Ayes: Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays: None Absent; Anderson and Henningsen

Motion by Forey, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 10-2015 - A Resolution Authorizing a Corporate Resolution with Iowa State Bank. By Roll Call Vote, Ayes; Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Anderson and Henningsen

Motion by Schoning, second Forey to approve Resolution No. 11-2015 - A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 City Budget Amendment and Directing the Publication of Notice. By Roll Call Vote, Ayes; Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Anderson and Henningsen

Clerk Tatman updated the council on the contents of the cities Safety Deposit Box. Discussion was held to remove items and eliminate need for box. All savings bonds that were on the list previously have been cashed and reinvested into CD's.

Street Superintendent Loder presented the street repair bid to council. Current bid for street repairs to portions of Center, Carr, Railroad, Stewart, West and Rolling streets is \$56,073.00. Clerk Tatman informed council there is currently a balance of \$176,530.18 in the Road Use Tax Fund and there can be more street repairs completed. St. Superintendent Loder was instructed to broaden the amount of streets needing repair and to not exceed the \$100,000.00 maximum thresholds of bids. He will bring additional quote to next meeting on April 21st.

Public Works Director Conlon informed council that he has begun work on getting the pool ready. He has ordered paint and parts. He is currently draining and cleaning it. He also informed council that our Water Tower Inspection is set for Monday, April 13th. After that is completed he will do fire hydrant flushing the following week. He stated that he has not seen any work done at the cemetery yet but weather is most likely preventing that. He will contact the contractor and find out his plans for when he is going to begin clean up. It was also discussed to receive bids for removing trees and stumps at the cemetery that are in desperate need of being removed.

Motion by Forey, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:11 p.m. Ayes; Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Anderson and Henningsen

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk