

Ruthven City Council Meeting
May 5, 2015, - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 5th Day of May, 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 Dustin Johnson and Jay Schoning. Absent; None City employees present; Engineer Kelly Evans, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman.

Motion by Schoning, second Forey to approve the Minutes from April 21, 2015 meeting, the Claims Report and the Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:34 pm for City of Ruthven Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:36 pm.

Motion by Forey, second Henningsen to approve Resolution No. 13-2015 – A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. By Roll Call vote, Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion by Henningsen, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 14-2015 – A Resolution of the City Council of Ruthven, Iowa to Request the Assistance of the Staff of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission for Administration of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). By Roll Call vote, Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion by Johnson, second Anderson to approve Resolution No. 15-2015 – A Resolution Temporarily Closing City Streets during Ruthven Vacation Bible School. By Roll Call vote, Ayes; Anderson, Forey Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion by Schoning, second Anderson to donate a "Single Swimming Pool Membership" to the Ruthven-Ayrshire School Positive Behavior Incentive Auction. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Mayor informed city council he attended the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors meeting this morning and discussed street repairs on Old Hwy 18, West Street and Center Street and the payment responsibility of the county on these roads for portions the city and county share. County Engineer will check to see if there is an agreement in effect for cost share on any of these streets. Engineer will also come to Ruthven and examine these streets and make a recommendation to the County Supervisors at their next scheduled meeting. City Engineer Evans spoke with the council and mayor regarding these and other streets in the city needing repair. He also mentioned that city will need to consider the newer ADA rules regarding sidewalks and handicap accessibility. There are different types of grants to apply for that help with the cost of these he stated.

Motion by Johnson, second Schoning to approve purchase a new Sand/Salt Spreader from Hi-way Truck Equipment of Fort Dodge, IA at the quote cost of \$11,900.00. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Clerk Tatman asked the council and mayor about the possibility of using swimming pool donation funds to help offset the cost of swimming lessons this year. Clerk was asked to contact the pool board members for their recommendation on the item and present recommendation to city council at the next meeting on May 19, 2015.

Clerk Tatman shared with council the city ordinance regarding debris on city streets and penalties for doing so. Per Chapter 135.03 of the Ruthven Code of Ordinances, Placing Debris On City Streets is; unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle. Penalty for such violation is a municipal infraction and punishable by not less than \$750.00 fine first offense. Issue at hand is mowing yard grass onto city streets and plugging storm sewers.

Mayor shared he is on the next agenda for the County Board of Supervisors meeting in regards to properties in between Hwy 18 and Old Hwy 18 and county nuisance violations.

Motion by Forey, second Anderson to adjourn meeting at 7:33 p.m. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk