

**Ruthven City Council Meeting**  
**May 19, 2015, - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson. Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning City employees present; Engineer Kelly Evans, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman.

Motion by Forey, second Henningsen to approve the Minutes from May 5, 2015 meeting, the Claims Report and the Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

Randy Van Dyke of Iowa Lakes Regional Water talked with the council regarding a new water service project going into Ayrshire. He asked if the City of Ruthven would like a quote at the same time for bringing in water services to the city. Council all stated there was no need for a quote at this time.

Matt Geelan, Palo Alto County Economic Development Board Member along with board members Harry Bormann, Ivan Dalen and Jeff Buechler were all on hand to discuss with the council the proposed offer from the R.V.T.C. board, Iowa State Bank, Ruthven Branch and Pro Coop, Ruthven Site to pay the yearly per-capita dues to PACEDC in the amount of \$4422.00. They are asking that the city work jointly with them to promote Ruthven, along with other communities in Palo Alto County to get the word out there about all the good things that Ruthven and all the cities in PA Co. have. Motion by Johnson, second Henningsen, to approve RVTC, Pro Coop and IA St. Bank to each pay 1/3 the per capita fees for FY2015-2016. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

Motion by Forey, second Henningsen to re-appoint Patty Rouse and Matthew Harder to the positions on the Ruthven Library Board for another 6 year term to end 06/30/2021. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

After much discussion on the cemetery maintenance contract and the current condition of Crownhill Cemetery, Motion by Johnson, second Forey to terminate the current cemetery maintenance contract with Jeremy Janzen. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

Motion by Johnson, second Henningsen to hire John Tatman to fill remainder of year cemetery maintenance contract. His fee is to be pro-rated off his original bid for start date and if he gets the cemetery ready for Memorial Day there is an added \$500.00 bonus. If Tatman isn't able to start ASAP, the city may hire up to three people at \$10.00/hour to help mow and get the cemetery ready for the holiday. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

Motion by Henningsen, second Johnson to approve \$60,000.00 of road repairs and to focus on most damaged ones which include portions of Carr and Rolling Streets. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

Motion by Johnson, second Henningsen to adjourn meeting at 7:44 p.m. Ayes; Dave Forey, Justin Henningsen and Dustin Johnson Nays; None Absent; Mitch Anderson and Jay Schoning

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David J. Kirk, Mayor

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Margaret Tatman, City Clerk