

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

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 16th Day of June, 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, Dustin Johnson and Jay Schoning. Absent; Dave Forey and Justin Henningsen

City employees present; Engineers Kelly Evans and Aaron Holmbeck, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman. Guests: Will Freeman and Ron Brockmeyer

Motion by Schoning, second Johnson to approve the Minutes from June 2, 2015 meeting, Claims Report, Clerk's Financial Reports and approval of Bully's Bar liquor license special event July 3rd St. Dance, Bully's Bar liquor license special event BBW and Ruthven Meat Processing liquor license. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen.

Agenda item "New Tenant Deposit" was discussed as a citizen had requested a deposit waived for her relative moving into rental property in Ruthven. Citizen was unable to attend meeting but City Ordinance Chapter 92, Water Rates; section 92.09 Customer Deposits was reviewed. Section states, "No City water service shall be provided to any customer until and unless the required deposit has been paid to and is held by the City." City is not able to waive a water or sewer deposit unless the Ordinance is changed and that takes several months and additional money to be changed and codified.

Motion by Anderson, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 16-2015 A Resolution Temporarily Closing City Streets for Bully Bullhead Community Celebration Parade, Street Dance and Pedal Pull. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Johnson, second Anderson to pay one half the cost (city portion \$1,082.22) for Bully Bullhead Weekend Insurance to LIRBA. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Schoning, second Johnson to donate \$500.00 to LIRBA for LIRBA sponsored Fireworks. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Johnson, second Anderson to approve Resolution No. 17-2015 A Resolution Temporarily Closing City Streets for Bully's Bar July 3rd Street Dance. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Anderson, second Schoning to instruct clerk to publish and advertise that Thursday, August 27, 2015, 6:30 p.m. is set as the date and time of the next Town Hall Meeting for a projects update. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Anderson, second Schoning to instruct clerk to publish and send RFQ letters out for city attorney. RFQ's will be accepted until July 24, 2015. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Schoning, second Johnson to direct the city clerk to fill out and sign the Mid-American Energy Company Street Lighting Installation Agreement for the Standard Conversion Option. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Schoning, second Anderson to send a \$50.00 donation to the Ruthven Library Teen Summer Library Program as per their fund request letter. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Employee Loder shared that the yearly sewer line cleaning was completed this past week. Additionally, he stated he has ordered a new pool heater and hopes to receive that in a few days and get it installed.

Discussion was held by council and mayor in regards to the pool and lifeguards. In order to keep lifeguards coming back and the pool running smoothly Motion by Schoning, second Johnson to inform Head Lifeguard Jacks that if he is in good standing and completes the year at the pool as head lifeguard and all goes well through the season, the council will vote on whether or not to give a \$200.00 bonus. All other lifeguards have a possible bonus of \$50.00 if they too are in good standing and complete the year with good review at season end. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Engineers Evans and Holmbeck discussed with Mayor and Council the pavement management study and if the outlined plan on city streets is completed. Motion by Schoning, second Anderson to focus and conduct a street survey on Carr and Rolling Streets for long term fix and bring back to the July 7, 2015 meeting so these streets can be fixed this year. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Employee reviews were held after none of the city employees requested a closed session. Motion by Johnson, second Anderson to give a 3% budgeted and approved raise in wages to full time employees Dave Conlon, Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman. New rates take effect on July 3, 2015 and are as follows; Conlon raise \$0.54/hour for a rate of \$18.54/hour. Loder raise \$0.48/hour for a rate of \$16.60. Tatman raise \$0.46/hour for a rate of \$15.91/hour. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen

Motion by Anderson, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey and Henningsen