

Ruthven City Council Meeting
January 19, 2016 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 19th Day of January, 2016, 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, Sara Ferguson, Dustin Johnson and Jay Schoning. Absent; Dave Forey

City employees/representatives present; Attorney David Stein (via Phone), Nathan Clark, Toad Loder, Marci McCallum and Margaret Tatman Public; Mark Reinders, Marjorie Mahoni, Bob Kepler, Patty Rouse, Donna Johnson and Judy Naber

Motion Johnson, second Anderson to approve the Minutes from January 5, 2015 meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Motion Schoning, second Ferguson to approve Resolution No. 8-2016 A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Regarding City Property for Sale at 1507 Gowrie. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Motion Ferguson, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 9-2016 A Resolution of the Ruthven City Council of the City of Ruthven Agreeing to apply for Financial Assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to Finance Wastewater System Improvements. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:50 pm for Mid-American Gas & Electric Franchise and Franchise Fee's. After discussion, Motion Johnson, second Anderson to table public hearing to next council meeting on February 2, 2016. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 7:08 pm for City Property for Sale at 1705 Rolling St. After discussion, Motion Anderson, second Johnson to table public hearing to next council meeting on February 2, 2016. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Ordinance No. 1-2016 and Ordinance No. 2-2016, Ordinances granting Mid-American Franchise fees for Electric and Gas, were tabled due to public hearing being tabled to the next council meeting on February 2, 2016

Motion Johnson, second Ferguson to approve Resolution 10-2016 a Resolution Setting Hourly Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of Ruthven, Iowa for Fiscal 2015-16. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Discussion was held with property owner of 1215 Gowrie St., Marjorie Mahoni, regarding unsafe building. Decision was made to give her the next two weeks until the February 2, 2016 council meeting and get a time line on repairs to the outside of the building. Item tabled to next council meeting.

Junk & Junk Vehicles Ordinance was discussed and tabled to February 2, 2016 meeting.

Old Hwy 18 sharing agreement is on hold until county abstractor can verify information in the draft agreement.

Cemetery maintenance was discussed. A multi-year maintenance agreement was discussed and will be tabled to February 2, 2016 meeting.

City Budget workshop was held with much discussion on general fund spending cuts. Members of the Library Board and Librarian Nathan Clark were on hand to also discuss the Library portion of the city budget.

Motion Ferguson, second Anderson to pay Deputy City Clerk Marci McCallum a monthly amount of \$15.00 for cell phone reimbursement. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

Motion Johnson, second Ferguson to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; Forey

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk