

**Ruthven City Council Meeting**  
**April 5, 2016 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 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, Dave Forey, Dustin Johnson and Jay Schoning (arrived at 6:35 pm) Absent; None

City employees/representatives present; Attorney David Stein (via phone), Lenny Larsen I+S, Marci McCallum, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman Public; Ron Brockmeyer, Bob Kepler, Marjorie Mohoni, Katie Cother, Jessica Johnson, Jessie Radebaugh and Will Freeman.

Motion Forey, second Johnson to approve Minutes from March 15, 2016 meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey and Johnson Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Johnson introduced for Second Reading, Ordinance No 3-2016 – A Ordinance Amending the City of Ruthven, Iowa 2014 Municipal Code of Ordinances by Repealing Existing Chapter 51-Junk and Junk Vehicles in its Entirety and the Following New Chapter is Adopted. Motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 3-2016 by Johnson, Second Ferguson Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Owners of business property located at 1215 Gowrie St were present and informed Mayor and Council that the front bricks that were falling off have all been removed and are going to be sealed once it is dry for a few days in a row. Brick work has also been started on the rear of the building. Motion Ferguson, second Forey to have Attorney Stein dismiss the upcoming municipal infraction court case along with assessing court costs to the owner and to remove the barricades and tape from the front of the building. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Attorney Stein updated the council regarding progress with County Supervisors sharing agreement on Old Hwy 18, West St. and Washington St. in Ruthven. No response from County to schedule a meeting to get the agreement finalized so he will email another time and try to get more progress on this item.

Ron Brockmeyer addressed Mayor and Council with an idea he has for a display in either the Social Center or Library in tribute to past resident Loren Meyer and his college and NBA career. After much discussion, item was tabled to the April 19, 2016 City Council Meeting after Ron has a chance to attend the next Ruthven Library Board meeting and come back to council and share the boards thoughts as to what could be put in library also.

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve to allow resident and wine consultant Sara Ferguson to host wine tasting events at the social center. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None Abstention; Ferguson

Katie Cother was present to share with the council that a group of people are starting up a Ruthven Fire Department Auxiliary. They wanted the council to be aware they are applying for their own nonprofit status with the state and would not be run by the fire department or city. They are in the beginning stages of setting up the group and only wanted to inform the city they were doing this. Mayor and Council will supply a letter of support for them to attach to the paperwork for setting up the non-profit group.

Motion Forey, second Anderson to approve Resolution No. 19-2016 – A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 City Budget Amendment and Directing the Publication of Notice. Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:40 pm. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 21-2016 a Resolution Supporting the Home Base Iowa Initiative. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Forey, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 22-2016 a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Lenny of I&S Engineering was on hand to update the council on the progress of the sewer lagoon project. A meeting between the USDA, City of Ruthven and I&S to discuss funding opportunities and project scope for the sewer lagoon project took place last week. Decision was made to break apart the projects due to funding options. The lagoon project will be separated from the sewer lining and lift station project. He is getting all necessary paperwork prepared and sent to USDA and SRF for the projects.

Mayor Kirk shared the results of the meeting he had with Ruthven-Ayrshire School Principal Josephson regarding the loading/unloading zone they wish to have on the south side of Center Street on the north side of the school. After much discussion the council decided to take no action on the matter and turn it over to the school board to figure out the loading and unloading problem as there is no reason to block the street since there is no room for those vehicles on the street and because it would cause too much trouble with traffic flow. Suggestion from council is to have school board vote to do loading and unloading of buses on the west side of the school, by the parking lot, like they used to do.

Street Superintendent Loder informed the council that the sheriff's department requested no parking this side of street signs be added on the south side of Center Street at Washington Street intersection all the way east to Gowrie Street. There is no access for emergency vehicles to pass through when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. Motion Forey, second Johnson to approve the installation of no parking signs as requested. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to set Thursday, May 26, 2016 as City Wide Clean-Up day. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Forey, second Johnson to approve a \$10.00 charge per Appliance or White Good. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Employee 90 day review was held for part-time Deputy Clerk, Marci McCallum. Motion Ferguson, second Schoning to raise her wage .25¢ per hour for new hourly wage of \$11.00. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None Abstention: Johnson

Motion Forey, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m. Ayes; Anderson, Ferguson, Forey, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

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David J. Kirk, Mayor

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Margaret Tatman, City Clerk