

Ruthven City Council Meeting December 1, 2015 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 1st Day of December, 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; Attorney David Stein (via Phone), Lenny Larson I-S Group, Darren Bumgarner NWIPDC, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman Public; Jan Helmke and Dee Larson

Motion Schoning, second Forey to approve the Minutes from November 17, 2015 meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Jan Helmke of LIRBA spoke to council regarding a PACGDC mini grant application for aluminum picnic tables for placement at Centennial Park and sponsorship by the City of Ruthven. Motion Henningsen, second Johnson to approve Resolution 39-2015 A Resolution Approving a Palo Alto Gaming Mini Grant Application of the Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association for Picnic Tables. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Dee Larson of LISSD spoke to council regarding a PACGDC grant application for lagoon repair project funding and sponsorship by the City of Ruthven. Motion Schoning, second Anderson to approve Resolution 40-2015 A Resolution Approving a Palo Alto Gaming Grant Application of the Lost Island Sanitary Sewer District for Ruthven Lagoon Repair Project. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Nuisance Ordinance Chapter 51-Junk and Junk Vehicles were discussed. Darren Bumgarner and City Attorney Stein made some changes to this chapter to better cover the City for vehicles inside city limits. Further review by council on the ordinance changes will be discussed at the next council meeting on December 15, 2015.

City Attorney Stein and Nuisance Officer Darren Bumgarner were instructed to proceed with Municipal Infraction for Abatement of Nuisance Properties as per current nuisance property list.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson to accept Christina Liessmann resignation from the Library Board. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None Opening for Library Board will be advertised in the Ruthven Zipcode for any person that is interested to serve.

Motion Johnson, second Forey to accept Vicki Conlon resignation from the Park and Pool Board. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None Opening for Park and Pool Board will be advertised in the Ruthven Zipcode for any person that is interested to serve.

Mayor Kirk stated he attended the November 24, 2015 Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors Meeting and discussed a 50/50 sharing agreement on Old Hwy 18 and West Street. By motion the County Supervisors agreed to pay 50% of the bill the City of Ruthven incurred for repairs to West Street. The county will pay the city a sum of \$7,172.50 as per motion.

Motion Henningsen, second Schoning to direct City Attorney Stein to work with Palo Alto County Attorney and Engineer regarding Old Hwy 18 ownership. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Henningsen, second Johnson to direct City Attorney Stein to draw up a 50/50 sharing agreement between Palo Alto County and the City of Ruthven for Old Hwy 18, West Street and Washington Street. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Clerk Tatman put together a Picnic Table Rental Agreement as instructed by council at previous meeting. It was decided to table the rental agreement until it is known if LIRBA receives the PACGDC Mini Grant for the aluminum tables and if they will or will not be rented out.

Clerk Tatman shared information she has received so far in regards to a new city spec building. More information will be given as it is available as things progress on the new building.

Lenny Larson gave an update on the lagoon liner and an additional option of a thicker 100 mil liner use. Bids will go out with both types and thicknesses of liners for a better quote option. He also discussed the Lift Station generator and option for gas generator instead.

Street Superintendent Loder stated that there is a broken water line on Center Street that will be repaired by the end of the week. Loder than stated that the newer snow plow truck is not running well and will need to have a service call for the computer to run a diagnostic on the truck and get it repaired asap. He was told that it is in the budget to repair the truck and to move forward on repairs.

Councilman Henningsen asked if the city properties on Gowrie and Rolling could be put on the next agenda for discussion on sale of the properties in order to get them back on the tax roll and generate taxes from them. Item will be added to the December 15, 2015 City Council Agenda.

Motion Henningsen, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk