

**Ruthven City Council Meeting  
December 15, 2015 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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), Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman Public; Tori Horst, Austin George, Rylee Williamson, Caitlyn Arndt, Sara Ferguson, Ron Brockmeyer and Mark Reinders

Motion Anderson, second Henningsen to approve the Minutes from December 1, 2015 meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Mark Reinders of Mid-American Energy shared information with Mayor and Council regarding the upcoming expiration of the gas and electric franchise with Ruthven. Attorney Stein stated the Resolution to set a public hearing on the franchise should be put on the January 5, 2016 city council agenda.

Ordinance Chapter 51 – Junk and Junk Vehicles was discussed further and decision made to table for more in depth discussion at January 5, 2015 council meeting.

Attorney Stein shared information on three properties that are in the process of being served for nuisance abatement by municipal infraction. He also let the council know that he sent out a letter to a business property owner for unsafe building as bricks are falling off the front and back of the building.

After much discussion it was decided to add Resolution regarding city property and public hearing on the January 5, 2016 council agenda.

Motion Johnson, second Schoning to approve Resolution 41-2015 A Resolution Approving a Kossuth Cluster DCAT Mini Grant Application for Ruthven Swimming Pool Low Income Memberships and Swimming Lessons. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve Resolution 42-2015 A Resolution Approving a Palo Alto Gaming Grant Application of the Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association for Permanent Street Banner Brackets. Roll Call Vote Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None Motion Forey, second Johnson to make a general fund budget cut for social center cleaning contract and terminate current contract with Heidi Gellerman to begin January 1, 2016. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen, Johnson and Schoning Nays; None Absent; None

Discussion was held regarding the condition of current Christmas decorations. Decision was made to spend no more than \$2,000.00 of PACGDC grant funds for new led light decorations. City staff will decide designs.

Councilman Schoning exited at 7:45 p.m.

Council set the PACGDC Grant Priority List as follows: Downtown Development, Swimming Pool Splash Pad, Water, Sewer, Lagoon and Street Departments Infrastructure Projects.

Motion Anderson, second Forey to hire Marci McCallum as Deputy Clerk at pay rate of \$10.75/hr. and a raise to \$11.00/hr. after successful 90 days training. Ayes; Anderson, Forey and Henningsen Abstention; Johnson Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Newly elected councilmember Sara Ferguson, Re-Elected councilman Dave Forey and Dustin Johnson and Mayor Kirk were sworn into office at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Kirk then thanked Councilman Justin Henningsen for his 8 years of service as city councilman and his dedication and hard work.

Motion Henningsen, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm. Ayes; Anderson, Forey, Henningsen and Johnson Nays; None Absent; Schoning