

**Ruthven City Council Meeting**  
**June 24, 2020 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2020, 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 (via telephone) and Marci Simington. Absent: Jay Schoning and Terrence Williams.

City employees present: Attorney David Stein (via telephone), Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman. Public present: Nancy Foertsch-LISSD, Will Freeman and Judy Broadie.

Motion Simington, second Anderson to approve: minutes from June 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting and June 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams

Motion Anderson, second Simington to approve Resolution No 21-2020 – A Resolution of the City Council of Ruthven, Iowa to Request the Assistance of the Staff of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission for Administration of a Community Development Grant for Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams.

Agenda item Chapter 28-E Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Transfer Station Services FY 2021-2023 was tabled due to errors in the document from the Palo Alto County Sanitation department. They will correct and send new documents out.

Pool patron temperature checks were discussed at length. Motion Anderson, second Simington to hire two (2) more sanitation employees to allow for temperature checks of pool patrons. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams.

City Property at 1304 Washington St. was discussed. Motion Johnson, second Anderson to obtain quotes from a couple of “cleaning companies” that will clean the inside and also remove carpet in the house. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams.

1305 Burns Street owner, Judy Broadie spoke with council about the mowing letter she received for that property. Motion Simington, second Anderson to allow Judy more time to clean up the fallen trees, saplings and weeds and then keep it mowed and cleaned up. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams.

Ruthven Fire Auxiliary is requesting a donation for their online fundraiser of two (2) Family Pool Memberships for the 2021 pool season. Motion Anderson, second Johnson to donate two (2) Family Pool memberships for the 2021 pool season to the Ruthven Fire Auxiliary fundraiser. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams.

Fireworks Ordinance was discussed in regards to the date and time frame of residents shooting off fireworks. Clerk Tatman was instructed to contact Sheriff Schultes regarding Deputies distinguishing between the legal and non-legal fireworks. Discussion on time frame will be addressed at a future meeting.

Motion Johnson, second Anderson to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21, Section 5 c. and on the advice of the City Attorney: “To discuss strategy with counsel in matters

that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.” Roll call vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams. Motion carried.

Mayor Kirk asked the audience and most of staff to leave the room and the City Council went into closed session.

Motion Simington, second Anderson to go out of closed session and back into open session/reconvene open session. No action taken in closed session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson and Simington Nays: None. Absent: Schoning and Williams

Signed:

Attest:

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David J. Kirk, Mayor of Ruthven

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Margaret Tatman, City Clerk