

**Ruthven City Council Meeting**  
**March 22, 2023- 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 8th Day of March 2023, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, at the Ruthven Social Center, pursuant to law and to the rules of said council.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dustin Johnson in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present; Mitch Anderson, Marcie Simington, Ashley Williamson, Terrance Williams and Casey Pomeroy Absent;

City employees present: Jessica Schneider, Dave Conlon, Kari Krieg and Michael Loder

Public: Jay Schoning, Rick Adams, Jason Cother, Jeff Thompson

Motion Anderson second Pomeroy to approve Minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Also Payout of the Palo Alto County Gaming Demo Grant to Randy Best. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:31 p.m. for the city of Ruthven Iowa's budget amendment for the Fiscal Year FY 22-23 Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:32

Motion Williamson, Second Pomeroy to approve RESOLUTION 13-2023 – A Resolution amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Dave Conlon Public Works Director was present to discuss putting in a lift station to accommodate new housing development going up on the East side of Ruthven. Motion Simington, Second Williams to put in a underground lift station to get the project going. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Jeff Thompson was present to discuss little league dugout's he asked that the council table the discussion until he had a few more quotes. Motion Simington Second Williams to table until Jeff was able to bring three quotes to the council for review. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Clerk Schneider discussed the process of paying with credit cards and all the other possibilities to pay utility bills. The multiple possibilities of fraud by taking credit cards over the phone were discussed. Motion Williamson Second Williams to no longer accept credit card payments over the phone. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Councilmember Williams discussed the possibility of starting Ruthven's own economic development. Motion Simington, Second Williamson to put an AD out in the paper to get a 9 person board going.

Motion Simington, Second Williams to approve the Demo Grant at 2701 Rolling St. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson and Williams Abstain: Pomeroy. Nays: None

Mayor Johnson appointed Samantha Larson and Julie Alexander to the library board. Motion Williams, Second Pomeroy. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Motion Simington Second Williamson to put an ad in the LIRBA reflections book again for the year. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Mayor Johnson opened the employee reviews by stating he has no complains and has been pleased with the work the employees are putting forth. Councilmember Simington suggested a 5%

raise for Loder, Conlon and Schneider and to bump Krieg up to \$17 at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. Williams mentioned to bump Krieg up to \$16.50 immediately along with Simingtons suggestion for the new fiscal year. The suggestion was motioned by Williamson with a second by Pomeroy Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

Motion Simington Second Williams to adjourn meeting at 7:24 p.m. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Simington, Williamson, Williams, and Pomeroy. Nays: None

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

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Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

