Ruthven City Council Meeting
May 7, 2019 - 6:30 PM

   The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 7th Day of May, 2019, 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, Jay Schoning and Terrance Williams Absent: Marci Simington

   City employees present: Michael Loder and Jennifer Schany. Public: Peg and Steve Cizek and Jeff Thompson.

   Motion Schoning, second Williams to approve: minutes from April 16, 2019 council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Simington

   Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:35 p.m. for Amending the Current FY 2018-2019 City Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:38 p.m.

   Motion Johnson, second Anderson to approve RESOLUTION NO 25-2019 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays; None Absent; Simington

   Street Superintendent Loder shared with mayor and council that the Swimming Pool will be filled the week of May 20th, as well as pouring concrete for the baby pool.

   Jeff Thompson was in attendance to visit with the mayor and council about the Little League field.

   Peg Cizek was on hand to speak with mayor and council about putting Little Free Libraries around town. Discussion was held on gathering ideas for construction and maintaining them and tabling item to next city council meeting.

   Councilman Schoning exited meeting at 6:58 P.M.

   Swimming Pool Manager, Jennifer Schany was on hand to request the hiring of Nick Josephson as Head Lifeguard at the wage of $9.45/hour. This is the base pay of $9.00/hour with an increase of .25¢ /hour for WSI certification and the extra two year employment increase of .10¢ /hour for each extra year he has already been employed as a lifeguard. Schany also requested hiring Jeremy Girres, Matt Graves and Bailey Sankey as returning second year lifeguards and would be at the $7.60/hour wage. Kendall Umscheid is the only new lifeguard and would start at $7.50/hour pending completion of lifeguard certification. Jennifer also asked permission to continue accepting lifeguard applications and ask that she be able to hire up to 3 more lifeguards to fill the 8 positions that are necessary to run the pool efficiently. The next item she spoke with council about was an increase in Lifeguard Wages. Currently we pay a starting wage of $7.50/hour and she would like to request we increase the starting wage to $7.75. Neighboring towns start their guards at the $7.75/hour rate and we are unable to compete with these towns. She stated, "This year we only had 5 apply and we need at least 8 to run the pool smoothly all summer. If the wage increases we may be able to talk lifeguards from other towns into sharing between the two towns so they can work more hours and we can have a full staff." Pool Opening Date will be June 1, 2019 and an approximate closing date would be August 18, 2019. Motion Anderson, second Johnson to approve hiring Nick Josephson as Head Lifeguard at

$9.45/hour, hiring Jeremy Girres$7.85/hour, Matt Grave $7.85/hour, Bailey Sankey $7.85/hour and Kendall Umscheid $7.75/hour as lifeguards, the increase of starting pay to $7.75/hour, continuation of accepting lifeguard applications and the ability to hire up to three (3) more lifeguards. Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, and Williams Nays; None Absent; Simington and Schoning

Mayor Kirk changed the upcoming May 21, 2019 council meeting date to May 22, 2019.

Motion Johnson, second Anderson to adjourn meeting at 7:21 P.M. Vote- Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Simington, Schoning

Signed: Attest:

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David J. Kirk, Mayor   Jennifer Schany, Deputy City Clerk