

Ruthven City Council Meeting
May 13, 2020 - 6:30 PM

A regular council meeting of the Ruthven City Council was held May 13, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this council meeting of the Ruthven City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda and the City's social media had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Ruthven will be holding this city council meeting electronically via a Zoom conference call. If you would like to participate, just before the meeting start time, you must click the link <https://zoom.us/j/95881993202> and enter Meeting ID: 958 8199 3202. Only staff is allowed in city hall.

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 13th Day of May, 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 either at city hall or via video conference: Dustin Johnson (signed on at 6:34p.m.), Jay Schoning, Marci Simington and Terrence Williams. Absent: Mitch Anderson,

Public-via video conference: Nancy Foertsch, LISSD. City employees present at City Hall: Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman.

Motion Simington, second Schoning to approve: minutes from April 22, 2020 council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m. for Amending the Current FY 2019-2020 City Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:34 p.m.

Motion Williams, second Johnson to approve Resolution No 17-2020 – A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Pool was discussed and city council agreed to get pool filled and ready to go so we can open at a moment's notice when the Governor opens pools. Hire more lifeguards and two (2) sanitation employees for the pool and possibly restructuring of pool board.

Motion Schoning, second Williams to hire lifeguards as of May 26, 2020 for training and cleaning at pool. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Schoning, second Williams to change pay amount for Head Lifeguard/Manager at \$11.25/hour and lifeguards \$8.50/hr. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Simington, second Johnson to waive the fee for the baby pool and still have outside door locked. Patrons for baby pool will continue to enter through the bathhouse. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Williams, second Schoning to hire two (2) pool sanitation employees at \$9.00/hr. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, and Williams. Nays: Simington. Absent: Anderson

Motion Johnson, second Simington to approve Resolution No 18-2020 – A Resolution Setting Public Hearing Date on the City of Ruthven, Iowa’s Intent to Make Changes to and Amend City Ordinance Chapter 148 – Water Well Protection. Public hearing date is May 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Simington, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 19-2020 – A Resolution to Request the Assistance of the Staff of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development commission. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Mayor Kirk nominated Jeff Thompson to fill the opening on the Board of Adjustments. Motion Williams, second Johnson to approve the appointment of Jeff Thompson to the Board of Adjustments. Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson.

City owned property on Gowrie and Rolling streets were discussed. Reach out to low income organizations to see if they want to build a duplex or single family house on one or either of the city properties and any other developers who may be interested in the investment opportunity.

Rental building roof is still leaking even after silicone on the tin. Give Strategic Ag the other office so they can keep things dry on the other side and use the whole building. Get contractors opinions on building a business spec building on the city property.

Concrete pile crushing will be done beginning of July 2020.

Motion Simington, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:44 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor of Ruthven

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk