

Ruthven City Council Meeting
July 17, 2018 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 17th Day of July, 2018, 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: Dustin Johnson, Jay Schoning, Marci Simington and Terrence Williams Absent: Mitch Anderson

City employees present: Michael Loder & Margaret Tatman. Public: Brooke Sievers-ISG, Shawn Schany and Ivan Dalen of RVTC & Nancy Foertsch of LISSD.

Motion Schoning, second Williams to approve Minutes from June 19, 2018 Council Meeting, Summary list of claims & Clerk's financial reports. Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Mitch Anderson.

Shawn Schany of RVTC was present to talk to Mayor and Council about additional cameras for around the city. He showed a more recent camera and will get together with city clerk to come up with areas to put new cameras and move current cameras throughout town. He will bring quotes to next council meeting on August 7, 2018.

Ivan Dalen of RVTC was present to talk to Mayor and Council about a low interest loan RVTC has in regards to a possible application from City of Ruthven to help with the cost of a new spec business building. He also mentioned that he is aware of possible grants and other low interest loans that would require a grant writer to assist with those funding possibilities.

Brooke Sievers of ISG Engineering went over Sewer Project Phase I and Phase II updates. Phase I project punch list items are completed and now the DNR will do a final walk through and inspection. Once the DNR approves, the work is considered complete. Phase II lagoon cell design is waiting for supplier info and then it will be sent to the DNR and USDA-RD simultaneously for approval by both entities. Once approved ISG will prepare and go out for bids on the project. Right now it is looking like January to February 2019 when bidding will happen.

Water Ordinance Changes were discussed. More specific payment on bills and parking over water shut offs were the main topics for the change to the ordinance. After much discussion, it was decided to have water ordinance and parking ordinances amended and ready for next council meeting on August 7, 2018 for council to look over. The public hearings and first reading date for August 21, 2018 will also be set at that meeting.

Nuisance properties were discussed and several nuisance violation addresses were given to Clerk Tatman to prepare appropriate violation letters to send out to property owners. The first letters will be 30 day courtesy letters and at the August 21, 2018 council meeting an update on the properties will be given to mayor and council by Clerk Tatman for decision on which are still in violation and require a second letter.

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

Mayor informed council that Will Freeman gave his resignation for serving on the Zoning Board. City Clerk is to advertise the opening on the board and put on the next council meeting agenda of August 7, 2018.

Motion Simington, second Williams to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; Anderson

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk