

**Ruthven City Council Meeting
July 17, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 17th Day of July, 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, Marci Simington and Terrance Williams Absent: None

City employees present: Dave Conlon and Margaret Tatman.

Public: Dennis Harris, Lenny Larsen, Nancy Foertsch, Jeff Thompson, Cody Miller Peg & Steve Cizek and Stephanie Kirk (arriving at 7:52 p.m.).

Motion Williams, second Simington to approve: minutes from June 19, 2019 council meeting and June 26, 2019 special council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Dennis Harris was present to speak with mayor and council regarding the two year solid waste collection agreement. He did state that the rates for single and family households will need to be raised by .50¢ per account and reminded them that the tonnage fees were raised by the county again effective July 1, 2019. Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve the .50¢ per account raise to be effective retro to July 1, 2019. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6: 34 p.m. on the Long-Term Lease between the City of Ruthven and Ruthven/Ayrshire Community School Reciprocal Easement Agreement. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor and council then reviewed the City of Ruthven and R/A Community School Reciprocal Easement Agreement. Mayor Kirk will set up a meeting with School Superintendent and School Board President to make a list of both entities suggested changes and then turn over the changes to the city attorney.

Mayor and council also reviewed the little league field estimate of cost to school for rebuilding the field. Funding options were discussed.

Motion Simington, second Williams to approve Resolution No 31-2109 – A Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson to approve Resolution No 33-2109 – A Resolution Setting Hourly Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of Ruthven, Iowa for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (adding library wage changes). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Simington, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 34-2109 – A Resolution Temporarily closing City Streets for Get Together on Gowrie. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Lenny Larsen of ISG was on hand to share updates on the Phase II Sewer Lagoon project. He handed out a timeline from now until possible construction start date if all DNR and USDA permits etc. are issued and bidding goes as planned on September 17, 2019.

Lenny then discussed the Water system project with council. He shared with council that Darren Bumgarner of NWIPDC informed Clerk Tatman that the City does not have to do an LMI survey for water/sewer grants now. The City meets the LMI requirement, since the new Census information shows the City having a 56.8% LMI. He shared that if the city wants to move

forward the first thing that should be done is an intended use plan for the whole project. Mayor Kirk also shared that Kelly Evans of ISG phoned clerk Tatman and shared that there is a new DNR funding opportunity that should be finalized in the next few months hopefully. It is a 50% forgivable loan and we should qualify for the water project. The water project Kelly is thinking about is for new city well, new water plant and some water line replacement. This is all in the very beginning stages and will be a project to be done after all the design, grant and loan paperwork is completed.

Councilman Williams shared that he spoke with school art teacher Clouse and he is going to work with the school students this coming winter and design the Pool Wall Murals and then next spring the students can help paint the murals.

Resolution No 35-2019 – A Resolution Establishing a Fee for NSF Checks and ACH Payments and Creating a Cash Payment Only Policy for Individuals Who Have Passed Two Returned Checks or ACH Payments to the City of Ruthven was tabled to the next meeting so wording for the resolution could be refined.

City Seal Design Contest was tabled until next council meeting.

Motion Williams, second Johnson to set August 29th as a Town Hall Meeting date, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruthven Social Center. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Stefanie Kirk shared information with council on a funding request she mailed the council for her R/A English Class. She applied for a grant and is short some of the funding for the books. Motion Williams, second Schoning to donate \$200.00 to the school for this project. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Simington, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m. Vote- Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk