

Ruthven City Council Meeting
August 10, 2022- 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 27th Day of July 2022, 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; Ashley Williamson, Marcie Simington, Casey Pomeroy and Terrance Williams Absent; Mitch Anderson

City employees present: Jessica Schneider, Toad Loder

Public: Dave Schurg, Cole Prevost, Lenny Larson, Roger nelson, Justin Henningsen, Rick Adams, Jesse Radebaugh, Jeff Thompson, Jessica Thompson, Katie Cother, Tony Krieg, Travis Lampe, Jon Harris, Kevin Smith, Brian Bland, Terry Wise, Kevin Bates, Dave Smith, Jason Cother

Motion Williams second Williamson to approve Minutes from July 27th, 2022, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Also the payout to Jeff Jensen for the PACGDC Demo Grant. Vote: Ayes; Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m. On The Status hearing regarding the Ruthven Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. This status hearing is being held in accordance with the requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and community Development act of 1987 notifying the public of the status for the Ruthven Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. This public hearing is an opportunity for citizens of the community to comment on the progress, status, and activities that have occurred, to date, in the City's housing rehabilitation program. On August 2nd 2019 the City of Ruthven was awarded a housing fund grant in the amount of \$222,000 to complete the rehabilitation of six (6) homes in the City of Ruthven. The project location included only residential properties located within a target area. The target area is defined as being bound on the west side by Gowrie Street, Bound on the north side by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, Bound on the east side by the eastern city limits and the west property line of the Ruthven Community Care Center, and bound on the South side by Old Highway 18. To date, the rehabilitation program has completed the rehabilitation on three (3) properties. Two low to moderate-income homeowners. The rehabilitation program has expended \$87,079 of the total grant award. Furthermore, the City has expended \$4,500 in local matching funds. The project is anticipated to close out by August 31 2022. No objectors were present or filed with written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:34 p.m. on the City of Ruthven Iowa's intent to amend Ruthven City Ordinance 75.05 Ruthven All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles. No objectors were present or filed with written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:36 p.m.

Motion Williamson Second Simington to put Ordinance 03-2022 on first filing. An Ordinance amending Ruthven City Ordinance 75.05 Ruthven All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles. Whereupon the Mayor put the question on the motion, and roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Simington Second Williamson to waive the rules and put the second filing and proceed to final adapt of ordinance 03-2022. (Waive the 2nd & 3rd readings) Whereupon the Mayor put the question on the motion, and the roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson.

Motion Simington Second Williamson to finally pass and adopt Ordinance 03-2022, Whereupon the mayor put the question on the motion, and the roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson.

Second reading of Ordinance 02-2022 – An Ordinance Amendment of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, by Amending Ordinance 92.02 regarding water rates. Mayor mentioned that the mailers were sent out with water bills explaining the new rates and the reasoning behind the new rates. Councilmember Williams made a motion to continue the process and have the 3rd reading at the next council meeting. The motion was seconded by Simington. and the roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Williamson, Simington and Williams. Nays: Pomeroy. Absent: Anderson.

Motion Simington, Second Williams to approve the pay application NO. 15 in the amount of \$133,826.91 for wastewater system improvements phase 2 section 1. Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

There was no motion to approve the engineer/owner contract amendment.

Lenny and Cole with ISG were present and discussed that the water treatment plant project is getting close to the end of the design phase. Cole mentioned they are about 2-3 weeks from sending it to the DNR.

Motion Williams, Second Pomeroy to approve the certificate of substantial completion for the wastewater system improvements. Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

Steve Hallgren our Zoning Ordinance Officer was not present to speak

Little League board members were present to request funding for Little League Dug Outs. Councilmember Williams made a motion to award Chapman Construction under the condition that it could be finished this year. The motion was seconded by Marcie Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

Motion by Williams and Second by Williamson to order the aluminum benches that will go in the dugout for the little league. Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

Motion by Williams and Second by Williamson to give an additional \$2,000.00 to buy the equipment that is needed for the little league players. Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

The mayor mentioned a few options for the per capita and city award money to be discussed. Motion Simington and Second Williams to move forward with a speaker system for outside city hall to allow music to be played for people to hear downtown. Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

Motion Williams, Second Pomeroy to purchase running boards, toolbox and bed lining for the new city truck. Vote: Ayes: Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

There was also discussion for clerk schneider to look into getting landscaping at Freedom Rock Park and also the fix the landscaping at the signs coming into town on Gowrie St.

The Fire Department was present and discussed the timeline of what has happened in the past up to date. Mayor Johnson discussed some grants that were written for the property.

Motion Simington Second Pomeroy to move forward with to setting a date for the public hearing for the next steps with the Fire Agency and the Thunderbird Property. Vote: Ayes:

Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson
Motion Williamson, Second Simington to adjourn meeting at 7:38p.m. Vote; Ayes;
Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Anderson

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

