

**Ruthven City Council Meeting
October 02, 2018 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 2nd Day of October, 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 (arrived at 7:27 p.m.), Marci Simington and Terrance Williams Absent: Mitch Anderson

City employees present: Margaret Tatman. Public: Nancy Foertsch, Dan Nielsen, Matt Graves and Rod Lilly.

Motion Simington, second Williams to approve Minutes from September 18, 2018 Council Meeting, Summary list of claims and Clerk's financial reports. Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Schoning

Landlord Dan Nielsen was present to talk with council about the property lien letter he received. After much discussion between Mayor Kirk, City Council members and Mr. Nielsen it was decided to allow Mr. Nielsen until May 1, 2019 to see if his tenant files an Iowa Income Tax Return and the city is paid for the balance due of \$125.09 from the tax return before filing a lien on the property for Mr. Nielsen's property at 1807 Washington St. Mr. Nielsen asked we send him a nicer letter this upcoming time instead of the nasty landlord lien letter he had just received. Clerk will notify Mr. Nielsen by mail if or if not the bill was paid by the Iowa Offset on tenant's tax return by May 1, 2019.

Matt Graves was present and spoke to Mayor and City Council about the "Old Thunderbird" property and if the Fire Department could start putting in electric drops for semi's to park and plug in. The Fire Department will use this as part of their fundraising to help pay off the current loan on the newest fire truck and then start savings toward a building that will be put on the property. Motion Schoning, second Johnson for City Clerk to get with Attorney Stein to move ahead and start drafting an agreement or lease between city and fire department in regards to the property and also to allow access to property to install electric boxes. Vote: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Simington, second Johnson to approve Resolution No 31-2018 – A Resolution Setting Hearing RE Proposed Real Estate Conveyance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson. Public Hearing is set as Tuesday – November 6, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

Stop Sign Request at Bruce and Highland Streets was discussed and information from Sheriff Schultes was reviewed. It was decided to not install stop signs or yield signs at this time but instead get trees trimmed along all four streets of that intersection to ease the visibility as you approach the corner. If they are city trees in city right of way the city will take care of trimming the trees and if they are property owners trees Clerk Tatman will send them a letter requesting they trim the trees per city ordinance.

Mayor Kirk and City Clerk Tatman have discussed a new city website designed by two different businesses. Per previously budgeted expense amount for a new website it was decided to go with Municipal Impact for a yearly fee of \$479.40 and an initial setup fee of \$349.00.

Resident Rod Lilly was present and informed council that he is still interested in the property on Gowrie Street, but he ran into eye problems last year and has not been able to talk with the city about the property again. So he will get with city soon regarding purchasing the property.

Motion Johnson, second Simington to adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk