

Ruthven City Council Meeting
October 11, 2023- 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 11th Day of October 2023, 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; Mitch Anderson, Casey Pomeroy and Marcie Simington Absent; Terrence Williams

City employees present: Jessica Schneider

Public: Dave Stein via phone, Steve Hallgren.

Motion Williams second Pomeroy to approve Minutes from September 28, 2023, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Pomeroy and Simington Nays: Absent: Williams

First on the agenda was the cemetery. Councilmember Simington mentioned a few rules about placing decorations on burial sites that she would like to see changed. Mayor Johnson discussed the flower beds and pots at the cemetery entrances. It was decided to work with attorney Stein on this to get moving in the right direction by changing the ordinance for the cemetery. Mayor Johnson also discussed creating a cemetery board.

Mayor Johnson appointed Terrence Williams, Jay Schoning, Marshall Lewis, Ivan Dallen, Jessica Schneider, Kari Krieg, Makenzie Ellingson, Craig Markley, and Steve Cizek to the economic development board. Motion Anderson, seconded by Pomeroy. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Pomeroy and Simington Nays: Absent: Williams

Motion Pomeroy, Second Anderson to approve resolution 30-2023 – a resolution approving the amendment to the fire protection charter agreement. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Pomeroy and Simington Nays: Absent: Williams

Motion Pomeroy, Second Simington to approve resolution 31-2023 – a resolution temporarily closing city streets to accommodate a special community activity, specifically Halloween trunk-n-treat.

Mayor Johnson discussed trick or treating door to door and the time frame. He mentioned he had some complaints as did the clerk's office about people not getting as many trick or treaters due to trunk-n-treat. He asked that for this year we extend trick or treating to 8:00 pm door to door. Motion Anderson, Second Pomeroy to extend the hours of door-to-door trick or treating on October 31st, 2023. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Pomeroy, and Simington Nays: Absent: Williams

Motion Anderson, Second Simington to approve resolution 32-2023 – a resolution of the city council of Ruthven, IA to request the assistance of the staff of Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Pomeroy and Simington Nays: Absent: Williams

Motion Simington, Second Anderson to approve resolution 33-2023 – a resolution setting bid date and time for sale of used maintenance truck.

Steve Hallgren was present to give an update on nuisance and planning and zoning.

Motion Anderson Second Simington to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Pomeroy and Simington Nays: Absent: Williams

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

