

**Ruthven Special City Council Meeting
April 11, 2018 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 11th Day of April, at 6:30 PM, in special 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, and Terrence Williams (left for fire call at 6:35 p.m., returned at 7:20 p.m.). Absent; Marci Simington

City employees present: Attorney David Stein (via telephone), Margaret Tatman (via telephone), Lenny Larsen (via Telephone), Dave Conlon, Michael Loder and Jennifer Schany. Public: Walter Davis-Oeth, Todd Holmes, Wendell Willrett, Will Freeman, Nancy Foertsch, Kristin Larsen, Jerry Ruehle, Samantha Graham and BJ Hemmingsen.

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:30 p.m. for the City of Ruthven, Iowa CDBG Housing Fund Grant. Kristin Larsen, NWIPDC read the following Citizen Participation Plan:

To comply with citizen participation requirements, pursuant to the requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, this public hearing is being held by the Ruthven City Council for the purpose of discussing and submitting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the City of Ruthven Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project.

The purpose of the Housing Fund Grant will be to rehabilitate six (6) owner-occupied housing units. The nature of the proposed improvements include providing assistance to existing low to moderate income homeowners to make necessary repairs to their houses.

The proposed project will occur entirely within the city limits in a target area bound on the West by the properties located on the east side of West Street and the Northern City limits, on East by the properties located on the west side of Washington Street and Gowrie Street, on the North by the properties located on the south side of the Northern City limits, and on the South by properties located on the North side of the D&I Railroad. No new excavation or ground disturbance is expected.

The need for the proposed project was identified based on results from the windshield survey and that the City has over 11 pre-applications on file. One Hundred (100%) of the requested grant funds will benefit low-to-moderate income households.

A CDBG application for federal grant assistance will be submitted on or before May 4, 2018 to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The total project cost is estimated at \$219,084. The sources for this proposed funding are \$210,084 in requested CDBG funds and a \$9,000 local match from the City.

Due to the nature of this project no persons or businesses shall be displaced as a result of the recommended project activities. In the event any persons or businesses are displaced as a result of the project, the entities involved will adhere to the requirements of the Uniform Relocation and Assistance and Acquisition Act of 1974, as amended.

A few questions were discussed with Larsen regarding eligibility, who pays for portions and if the resident can decide to or not participate if they are eligible. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:47 p.m.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson, to approve Resolution No. 15-2018 – A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, Authorizing Application to the Housing Fund Grant Program, Committing Local Match to the Project and Designating Persons Authorized

to Execute Said Application. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Anderson, Johnson and Schoning. Nays: None. Absent: Simington and Williams.

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to adopt the Administrative Plan for the CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Mayor Kirk then stated it will be scanned and put on the city website. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning. Nays; None. Absent; Simington and Williams.

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 16-2018 – A Resolution of the City of Ruthven to Adopt the Administrative Plan for the CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Anderson, Johnson and Schoning. Nays: None. Absent: Simington and Williams.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson to approve Resolution 17-2018 – A Resolution Approving 50% Cost Share of Old Highway 18 Resurfacing Project with Palo Alto County. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Anderson, Johnson, Schoning Nays; None Absent; Simington and Williams.

Agenda item-Sewer Project Street Repair bids was tabled to the April 17th Agenda.

Jay Schoning then asked about paying for the training cost for Heather Ruehle in the amount of \$899.00, which is half the cost of the Advanced EMT Course. Motion Schoning, second Anderson to approve payment of half class cost at \$899.00. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Simington

Discussion was then held on the joint LISSD/City of Ruthven Agreement with LISSD board member, secretary and their Attorney. LISSD agreed that they would pay 19% of the loan for forty years and would decide at their board meeting on April 12th which of the repayment options they decide to select and let the city council know after their meeting.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson to approve giving Mayor Kirk the power to discuss and negotiate for the city with LISSD if further discussion is needed in regards to the joint agreement. Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Simington

Motion Schoning, second Anderson to adjourn meeting at 8:08 p.m. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Simington

SIGNED

ATTEST

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Jennifer Schany, Deputy City Clerk

