

**Ruthven City Council Meeting
January 15, 2020 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 15th Day of January, 2020, 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, Jay Schoning, Marci Simington and Terrence Williams. Absent: Dustin Johnson

City employees present: Attorney David Stein (appeared by telephone), Dave Conlon and Margaret Tatman

Public: Nancy Foertsch

Motion Williams, second Simington to go into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21, Section 5 c. and on the advice of the City Attorney: "To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation." Roll call vote: Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

Mayor Kirk asked the audience and most of staff to leave the room and the City Council went into closed session.

Motion Anderson, second Williams to go out of closed session and back in to open session/reconvene open session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. Motion carried.

The audience was asked to come back into the room

Motion Schoning, second Anderson to give Attorney Stein permission to move forward with the litigation from closed session. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Motion Schoning, second Anderson to approve: minutes from December 11, 2019 council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports and Payout of PACGDC funds to the Palo Alto Co. Freedom Rock Committee. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Motion Simington, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 01-2020 – A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 City Budget Amendment and Directing the Publication of Notice. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Anderson, second Williams to approve Resolution No 02-2020 – A Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Considering the Maximum Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Williams, second Simington to approve Resolution No 03-2020 – A Resolution Authorizing a Corporate Banking Resolution with Iowa State Bank. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 04-2020 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Make Payments for Certain Bills After the Council Meeting. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Simington, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 05-2020 – A Resolution Setting the Regular Council Meeting Date and Time. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Simington, second Williams to approve Resolution No 06-2020 – A Resolution Designating an Official Newspaper for the City of Ruthven. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Abstain: Schoning. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve Resolution No 07-2020 – A Resolution Setting Hourly Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of Ruthven, Iowa for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

PWD Conlon informed the mayor and council he has obtained a quote to crush the large pile of concrete the city has at the city dump site. An approximate \$40,000.00 would be the cost for the size of pile we currently have to crush. Discussion was to use PACGDC city funds or LOST funds to pay for this project.

PWD Conlon also spoke with Mayor and Council about the possibility of purchasing a newer snow plow for the city. He was estimating it would cost around \$50,000.00. Again, discussion was to use PACGDC city funds or LOST funds to pay for a new snow plow.

PWD Conlon, Mayor and Council members discussed the sewer project for the new lagoon and agreed that the city should apply for a \$300,000.00 CDBG Grant for the project to help cover some of the excess costs that the first round of bidding came up with. Clerk Tatman was instructed to contact NWIPDC, Darren Bumgarner, to help with the application of the grant.

Recently hired Deputy Clerk, KabeBrium Gregory gave his letter of resignation and noted he was hired for a full time position with insurance and benefits. Motion Simington, second Schoning to authorize Clerk Tatman to advertise the open position in local area newspapers. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Motion Schoning, second Williams to approve the annual commitment of funds to PACEDC in the amount of \$4,422.00 and due on July 1, 2020. City clerk is authorized to use PACGDC grant funds to pay the dues. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson

Nuisance Property at 1201 Haugen Street was discussed. Property owner called city hall and requested more time as she hasn't had any luck finding a dumpster and everything is frozen to ground. Clerk Tatman verbally gave her until January 31, 2020 to finish the cleanup. After that date, the city attorney will need to move forward with the Nuisance Abatement procedure for cleaning up the property.

Agenda item Employee Annual Health Insurance Renewal was tabled to the February 12, 2020 council meeting so further discussion may be held with Mayor, city full time employees and council insurance committee.

Annexations were discussed between Mayor and Council. More discussion will be held at upcoming council meetings.

Motion Schoning, second Anderson to adjourn meeting at 07:43 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson.

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk