

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

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 6th Day of February, 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; Mitch Anderson, Dustin Johnson, Marci Simington and Terrence Williams Absent; Jay Schoning

City employees present: Dave Conlon, Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman. Public: Ivan Dalen, Nancy Foertsch, Allen Eaton, Christina Liessmann, Judy Naber and Donna Johnson.

Motion Williams, second Johnson to approve Minutes from January 2, 2017 City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Ivan Dalen, Manager of River Valley Telecommunications was present to speak with council in regards to RVTC Cable TV Franchise renewal. Discussion was held regarding updating information and RVTC and Ruthven City Attorney's will work on the renewal documents. The franchise renewal will be put on an upcoming agenda once the attorneys have it prepared.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson to approve Resolution No. 07-2018 – A Resolution Setting Fees for Security Cameras Information Search. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Motion Simington, second Anderson to approve Resolution 08-2018 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ruthven, Iowa in Support of the Highway 18 Coalition. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:40 p.m. on the Sale of Public Property at 1507 Gowrie St. No bidders or objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:50 p.m. on the Sale of Public Property at 1703 Rolling St. No bidders or objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:55p.m.

Discussion was held in regards to the FY7-18 Budget Amendment.

Motion Simington, second Williams to approve Resolution No. 09-2018 – A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 City Budget Amendment and Directing the Publication of Notice. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

A budget work session was held for the upcoming 2018-2019 city budget. Librarian Christina Liessmann, Library Board President Judy Naber and Library board member Donna Johnson spoke with council regarding budget figures for FY18-19 and possibility of apportioning part of the Local Option Sales Tax funds to library. Council explained that the L.O.S.T. issue will need to come up for vote again. This will be discussed at another council meeting. Discussion was held regarding if there was ever a referendum of the public done when the city library was built. The library representatives believe there was one passed and will look into it. If it was passed, the council can assess taxes of \$0.2700 per \$1,000.00 value on property taxes in support of a public library. Motion Simington to change employee healthcare cost to 25% payment by employee and 75% paid by city. No second, so motion failed. Employee health insurance was further discussed and it was decided to change the current plan from \$500.00/\$1,000.00 deductible plan to a \$1,000.00/\$2,000.00 plan which would result in insurance premium savings. Donation Request Letters were gone over. Motion Williams, second Simington to approve requested donation of \$460.00 to Upper Des Moines Opportunity, paid out of water and sewer proprietary accounts. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Schoning. Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve requested donation of \$169.50 to Compass Pointe, paid out of water and sewer proprietary accounts. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and

Williams. Nays: None Absent; Schoning. Motion Anderson, second Simington to approve requested donation of \$500.00 to CAASA, paid out of water and sewer proprietary accounts. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Schoning.

Motion Williams, second Dustin to approve FY18-19 budget with changes discussed above. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None Absent; Schoning.

Motion Anderson, second Simington to approve Resolution No. 10-2018 – A resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 City Budget and Directing the Publication of Notice. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Motion Johnson, second Anderson to adjust off sewer charges on utility bill for 1208 Haugen St. from water leak only. Per city employees, from broken pipes, the water ran onto the ground and not into sewer under the trailer house. Resident will be responsible for water overage and normal bill charges.

Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Mayor Kirk shared that property owner Mary Engelhart had called him to see if the city would condemn or take her house by 657a procedures. More investigation will need to be done before the city can answer if they are willing to do this.

Motion Williams, second Anderson to adjourn meeting at 9:35 p.m. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays; None Absent; Schoning

SIGNED

ATTEST

Mayor David J. Kirk

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk