

Ruthven City Council Meeting
February 9, 2022- 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 9th Day of February 2022, 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 Dustin Johnson in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present; Mitch Anderson, Ashley Williamson and Marci Simington Absent; Terrance Williams

City employees present: Dave Conlon, Toad Loder, Jessica Schneider

Public: Lenny Larson, Rick Adams, Doug Weir

Motion Anderson, second Simington to approve Minutes from January 26th, 2022, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nays: None Absent; Williams

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:32p.m. for the city of Ruthven Iowa's Proposed Property Tax Levy FY 22-23. Mayor Johnson explained the increase due to the surplus in the money market for Health Insurance being depleted since last fiscal year. Weir questioned the surplus and Clerk Schneider explained that last fiscal year the citizens of Ruthven were only taxed on approximately \$4000.00 for health insurance since there was money in the money market for that fund and now this year, we are adding the tax back in as we used the funds out of the savings. The public hearing was declared closed at 6:35p.m.

Motion Anderson, Second Simington to approve RESOLUTION 08-2022 – A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nay: None. Absent: Williams.

Lenny Larson with ISG was present and gave an update on the lagoon project. Mentioned things are going slow due to supply chain issues however anticipates April or May getting the plant up and running.

Motion Simington, Second Williamson to approve RESOLUTION 10-2022 – A resolution to Provide for a Notice of Hearing on an Application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan and to Make Available to the Public the contents of an Environmental Information Document and the City's Project Plan for the Water System Improvements – New Water Well No. 4 Project for the City of Ruthven. Roll Call Vote- Ayes: Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Motion Simington, Second Williamson to approve Resolution 09-2022 – A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 City Budget and Direction the Public of Notice. Roll Call Vote- Ayes: Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nays: None. Absent: Williams.

Motion Simington, Second Williamson on the approval of the demolition application for 1610 Main St. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nays: None: Absent: Williams.

Council discussed wages for the pool manager and the lifeguards for the upcoming season. Simington mentioned we are very competitive with the surrounding areas and suggests keeping them as is.

Motion Simington, Second Williamson to keep wages for lifeguards at \$13.00 per hour with a .25 cent raise for returning guards and to keep the pool manager wage at \$13.50 with a .25 cent raise for returning. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nays: None: Absent: Williams

Council and Mayor discussed citizen complaints that had been turned in and ways to handle them. After discussion with council and citizen Doug Weir they decided to table to topic until next council meeting and they will then revisit the topic

Motion Simington, second Williamson to adjourn meeting at 7:14 p.m. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Nays; None. Absent: Williams

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

