

**Ruthven City Council Meeting  
February 12, 2020 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 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: Dustin Johnson, Jay Schoning and Terrence Williams. Absent: Mitch Anderson & Marci Simington

City employees present: Toad Loder & Margaret Tatman

Public: Steve Nutt, Anna Grandstaff, Kendra Feldman, Anesa McGregor & Judy Naber.

Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve: minutes from January 15, 2020 council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:31 p.m. for Amending the Current FY 2019-2020 City Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:32 p.m.

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve Resolution No 08-2020 – A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:34 p.m. for the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2020-2021 City Budget. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Williams second Johnson to approve Resolution No 09-2020 – A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Deputy Clerk candidates, Feldman, McGregor and Grandstaff were in attendance to answer additional questions of the council. Motion Johnson second Williams to hire Anna Grandstaff as Ruthven Deputy Clerk & Pool Manager with pay rate of \$10.50 and start date of February 17, 2020. Vote-Ayes; Johnson and Williams Nays: Schoning. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Motion Johnson second Williams to give Mayor Kirk termination power for deputy clerk if necessary. Vote-Ayes; Johnson and Williams Nays: Schoning. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Mayor Kirk reviewed the current nuisances and legal cases City Attorney Stein is working on with council.

Street Superintendent Loder shared that this is the year to paint the pool and he has ordered the paint as it takes a while for it to come in.

Library Board Member Judy Naber was present to go over the Ruthven Library budget requests with council. Motion Williams, second Johnson to approve the library budget as presented for FY 2021. Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Clerk Tatman shared that the new amount to be paid to the Ruthven Fire agency each year should now be figured by taking the property valuations for the FY2021 budget times (x) sixty and three quarters cents (.6075¢) because the current \$8.10 levy contains the .6075 within it for fire support. This new formula will be effective as of July 1, 2020 and payable to the Ruthven Fire Agency on every July 1<sup>st</sup> thereafter.

Mayor Kirk discussed the change to the employee health insurance policy for FY2021. Motion Johnson second Williams to approve change in insurance policy to BCBS Enhanced Blue Modified Traditional Copay, with a monthly premium of \$5,203.01. Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Motion Schoning second Williams to approve Resolution No 10-2020 – A Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 City Budget and Directing the Publication of the Notice. Roll Call Vote- Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington. Public hearing set for March 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve giving two (2) Single Pool Memberships as a donation to the Ruthven-Ayrshire Post Prom. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Motion Schoning second Williams to adjourn meeting at 7:32 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson and Simington

Signed:

Attest:

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David J. Kirk, Mayor

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Margaret Tatman, City Clerk