

Ruthven City Council Meeting
April 2, 2019 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 2nd Day of April, 2019, 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, Jay Schoning, Marci Simington and Terrance Williams Absent: None

City employees present: Michael Loder and Margaret Tatman. Public: Cara Elbert of NWIPDC, Lenny Larsen-ISG Engineering, Nancy Foertsch-LISSD and Karen Moon.

Motion Williams, second Johnson to approve: minutes from March 5, 2019 council meeting, summary list of claims, clerk's financial reports, and payout of PACGDC Grant Funds to PA Co Freedom Rock Committee and Ruthven Friends of the Library and Approve Liquor License Renewal for Bully's Bar and Grill. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:31p.m. on the CDBG Housing Application. Cara Elbert of NWIPDC read the following statement: 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 side by Gowrie Street, bound on the North side by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, bound on the East by the eastern City limits and the western property line of the Ruthven Community Care Center and bound on the South by Old Highway 18. 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 7 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, 2019 to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The total project cost is estimated at \$222,000. The sources for this proposed funding are \$213,000 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.

No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:34p.m.

Motion Simington, second Schoning to approve RESOLUTION NO. 15-2019 – 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, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; None

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve the Community Needs Assessment. Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; None

Cara Elbert of NWIPDC presented the Mayor and Council with the 2019 Ruthven Comprehensive Land Use Plan that she, City Clerk Tatman and the Planning and Zoning Board members have worked on over the past several months. Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve RESOLUTION NO. 23-2019 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUTHVEN, IOWA TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2019 RUTHVEN COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; Schoning

Motion Simington, second Johnson to approve RESOLUTION NO. 24-2019 – A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2018-2019 CITY BUDGET AMENDMENT AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; None

Discussion in regards to an Urban Chicken Ordinance was held. Decision was made to also include rabbits since there are 4-H kids that have them for projects. Council members will email Clerk Tatman what they feel is important to have in the ordinance and Clerk Tatman will have a draft ordinance ready for first reading at the May 21, 2019 city council meeting.

Lenny Larsen of ISG Engineering was present and updated Mayor and Council on the upcoming steps in regards to the new sewer lagoon. He presented the council with a sheet that laid out the most recent pricing for the lagoon. Prices have stayed within reason the same as when the design was started; therefore there isn't a large rise in prices. He received the final comments from DNR and has replied to them and is awaiting the DNR permit. Once that is received he will send it to the USDA and city will be able to go out for bids on the project. Bidding will most likely be somewhere in August or September for work to begin the following spring with a total of 1 ½ years to complete the project.

Street Superintendent Loder shared with council that he and Mayor Kirk went around town and looked at streets that will apart of the 2019 street repair project list. Blacktop Services representative was also with them and will be sending the quote by email by end of this week. Loder stated he has contacted a couple of other blacktop companies for additional quotes also. Loder told the council that the city baby pool is plumbed and ready for concrete work as soon as there are a couple of good days in weather and with good weather it should be ready for opening day.

Motion Simington, second Johnson to set City Wide Clean-Up Day as May 23, 2019. Set out of items may begin on Friday May 17, 2019 after 3:00 p.m. Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; None

Mayor and council agreed to set Tuesday – April 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to drive around, view and select nuisance properties so the nuisance properties can take advantage of City Wide Clean-up day.

Motion Schoning, second Williams to approve a ¼ page AD in the 2019 LIRBA Reflections Booklet after corrections and additions to the ad are done. Vote-Ayes; Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays; None Absent; None

Council reviewed a funding request from the R/A Booster Club. No vote to approve was brought to the table, therefore the issue was dropped.

Motion Simington, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:05p.m. Vote- Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk