

Ruthven City Council Meeting
April 13, 2022- 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 13th Day of April 2022, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, at the Ruthven social center to accommodate attendees, 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, Marci Simington, Casey Pomeroy and Terrance Williams Absent; None

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

Public: Dave Schurg, Roger Nelson, Jon Harris, Kevin Bates, Jeff Cacek, Connie Reinert, Dave Smith, Lenny Larson, Jon Harris, Rick Adams, Travis Lampe, Kevin Bates, Jake Treybal, Jason Cother, Terry Wise, Nate Meyer, Larry Fay, Pete Hansen, Kevin Smith, Roger Nelson, and Tony Kreig

Motion Williams, second Pomeroy to approve Minutes from March 23rd, 2022, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Motion Simington, Second Williamson to approve Pay application No. 11 for Section 1 in the amount of \$123,655.99 to King Contracting LLC for the Wastewater Project. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Lenny Larson was present and discussed the Wastewater project. The project is moving right along with a majority of the project complete. They are looking at June-July to wrap up the project.

Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve RESOLUTION 16-2022 – A Resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the water system improvements – New Water Well #4 Project, and the taking of bids therefor. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Anderson, second Pomeroy to approve appointment of David Schurg to the Ruthven Fire Agency Board as representative for the City of Ruthven. Term is two years. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Jeff Cacek discussed his proposal to the council for the Thunderbird Property. He is wanting the west end to put a building up for office space and to have a display of his rocks. Cacek mentioned he is interested in the west side as it is more beneficial for sales being next to Lakeland. Council member Simington asked what the projected timeline would be for Ruthven Rocks to be down there. Cacek mentioned it would be within a year as he would like to produce more revenue on the frontage. Council member Pomeroy asked if there was a ballpark on the building that Ruthven Rocks would like to put on the property. Cacek stated he was hoping \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

Ruthven Fire Department was present council with a detailed packet of their proposed plan for the property. They mentioned also that they would like to use the northeast corner as a possible training area. Council member Simington asked if that would be to close to the highway for the flames. Cothor mentioned no it would not be as all is controlled and safe. Council member Williams asked if there would be a possibility of having access to highway 18. Cothor mentioned they have already reached out to the DOT, and they will allow them access to highway 18 from the property. Council member Williams asked if the Fire Agency supported the Fire Department on this project. Pete Hansen was present for the Agency and mentioned they yes, they support the fire Department as they need more space since they are growing however, he mentioned it is a big

chunk of money. Council member Simington asked the fire department that if the council decided to go half and half on the land would the fire department still be interested. Dave Smith was present and stated that the east side would need to be raised a lot and would just not work for them as the fill would also need to be trucked in.

Motion Williams, Second Pomeroy, to make a vote at tonight’s meeting on who would be awarded the property. Vote: Ayes; Williams, Pomeroy. Nays; Anderson, Williamson and Simington. Absent; None

Motion Williams, Second Pomeroy, that either party that is to receive the property will receive the whole lot and it will not be divided in half. Ayes; Williams, Pomeroy, and Williamson. Nays; Anderson, Simington. Absent; None.

The Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School was next on the agenda to discuss the Baseball field. Marshall Lewis was unable to be present as he had other obligations, so the topic was tabled until a later meeting.

The City of Ruthven applied and received the Tree’s Please Grant from Mid-American Energy. The school had inquired about needing some trees. Council member Williams would like them to come present to council what they are wanting. The placing of the tree’s was tabled until a later meeting.

Connie Reinert from Beyond Broken and a member of LIRBA gave an update on the marketing program that has been being worked on. The new logo is available and there are also photos of the community that we can have access to. Some are already being used on the website. They have produced 1000 brochures that will be distributed, and they also have created promotional placemats with businesses in the area for the tables at pancake breakfast. She played the two marketing videos for the council to view that she has created also. Reinert wanted to come to council to make sure they are aware of the work that was being done and the amount that was put into the marketing and the promoting.

Motion Simington, second Williams to hire, Rachel Miner, Madisen fay, Trinity Gillis, Mackenzie Schnetzer, Bethany Willrett, Gabrielle Conlon and Samuel Naber as lifeguards. Jan McCombs was hired back as the head lifeguard. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent: None.

Motion Williams, Second Williamson to approve RESOLUTION 17-2022 – A Resolution setting a public hearing on the City of Ruthven Iowa’s intent to amend Ruthven City ordinance 23.01 – 23.02 Regarding Ruthven Park and Pool Advisory Committee. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nay; None. Absent; None.

Motion Williamson, Second Williams to adjourn meeting at 8:03 p.m. Vote; Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays; None. Absent; None

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

