

Ruthven City Council Meeting
April 8, 2020 - 6:30 PM

A regular council meeting of the Ruthven City Council was held April 8, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this council meeting of the Ruthven City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. Therefore, Councilman Jay Schoning, City Employees; Dave Conlon, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman were present at Ruthven City Hall at 1305 Gowrie St. The agenda and the City's social media had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Ruthven will be holding this city council meeting electronically via a Zoom conference call. If you would like to participate, just before the meeting start time, you must download the Zoom app. and enter this Meeting ID: 929 708 404 and Password: 768987. Only staff is allowed in city hall.

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 8th Day of April, 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 either in person or via video conference: Dustin Johnson, Jay Schoning, Marci Simington and Terrence Williams. Absent: Mitch Anderson

Public-via video conference: Lenny Larsen, ISG Engineering and Nancy Foertsch, LISSD. City employees present in person: Dave Conlon, Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman.

Motion Johnson, second Schoning to approve: minutes from March 25, 2020 council meeting, summary list of claims, clerk's financial reports, Approval for payout of PACGDC grant funds to Ruthven-PA County Freedom Rock Committee and Approval of Demolition Grant Application for 2701 Rolling Street. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Lenny Larsen of ISG Engineering updated Mayor and council about changes to the Sewer Lagoon Project Phase II design that was approved by the DNR. The design changes were made to save approximately \$220,000.00 to \$330,000.00 at bid time. Larsen also states that on the upcoming Water System Project, the Iowa Economic Development Authority awarded first round funding of 50% forgivable loans to entities that showed the most need for a water project. He stated that Ruthven is still on the intended use plan list and are eligible to keep applying for the funding.

Street Superintendent Loder presented street repair bids which council instructed him to get at a previous meeting. Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve acceptance of paving bid from Blacktop Services, in the amount of \$50,412.50, for complete replacement of two (2) blocks of Center Street from Gowrie to Washington Streets and bid of \$4,070.00 for 3 street areas to patch. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 13-2020 – A Resolution to Request the Assistance of the Staff of the NWIPDC for Completing a CDBG Environmental Assessment for Ruthven Sanitary Sewer Treatment System Improvements Project. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Simington, second Johnson to approve Resolution No 14-2020 – A Resolution Extending the Maturity Date of the City's Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Williams, second Schoning to approve Resolution No 15-2020 – A Resolution Fixing Cemetery Charges for the Ruthven Crown Hill Cemetery. Roll Call Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Motion Schoning, second Simington to approve City Wide Cleanup Day as May 21, 2020 with the restrictions for this year, due to concerns of cross contamination of COVID-19 virus, as follows: 1. Once there is a positive case of COVID-19 diagnosed in the community and/or county, cleanup day may

be cancelled. 2. Absolutely NO CARDBOARD BOXES are to be used to put clean up trash in. Only GARBAGE BAGS will be allowed. 3. ABSOLUTELY NO FURNITURE will be taken this year and 4. Appliances and metal recyclables will be picked up at no cost this year. Vote-Ayes; Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

PWD Director Conlon spoke about a roof leak at the city rental building in the section that Strategic Ag occupies. He did get one estimate to fix the roof and contractor came back with information that the roof is not in condition to repair, it needs to be completely replaced. That bid came in at \$15,342.47 to replace entire roof on rental building. Discussion was held with Mayor and Council about this repair and subject is tabled to next council meeting agenda on April 22, 2020.

Conlon also asked about the pool opening this year since COVID-19 regulations has it closed currently. Discussion was held. Conlon was instructed by Mayor Kirk to continue getting the pool ready for the season.

Motion Simington, second Williams to adjourn meeting at 7:02 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: Anderson

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor of Ruthven

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk