

**Ruthven City Council Meeting**  
**May 25, 2022- 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 25th Day of May 2022, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, at the Ruthven social center, 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: Jessica Schneider, Dave Conlon

Public: Jay Schoning, Steve Cizek, Kevin Smith, Makenzie Fay, Roman Ellingson, Jan Helmke, Keith Cacek, Dan Chapman, Jake Treybal, Kevin Bates, Jon Harris, Nathan Meyer, Jason Cother, Rick Adams, Jesse Radebaugh, Tony Krieg, Jeff Cacek, Kyle Hagen, David Stein, Kenny Grandstaff (via phone for public hearing)

Motion Anderson, second Simington to approve Minutes from May 11th, 2022, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m. on the City of Ruthven Iowa's 2021-2022 city Budget Amendment. No objectors were present or filed with written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 32 p.m.

Motion Williams, Second Pomeroy to approve RESOLUTION 23-2022 – A Resolution Amending the Current budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022, Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6: 33 p.m. on the Sale or Lease of City Property. Multiple people from the public stood to take about the sale or lease of the city property. Cizek with Bobber Down mentioned he would like to see the Fire Department on the land however it would be nice to see a small section left for a business for tax reasons. Dan Chapman with Lakeland spoke mentioning he is co-owner of the adjoining lot and did not really know there was anything going on with the property. He needs space for freight trucks to get back there and they are going to be opening a drive through. He has been pretty in the dark on the land but would like to express interest in the property also. Jason Cother with the Fire Department spoke up and mentioned that it would be a community gain for the fire department to be at the location. Jan Helmke stood and mentioned that we as a city need the fire department and from talk a lot of people would like to see the fire department at that property. Keith Cacek with Ruthven Rocks spoke and mentioned that splitting the property is a great idea. The fire department would benefit from the land and Ruthven Rocks would benefit the town with taxes. Councilmember Simington asked Chapman how much extra he would need for Lakeland. Chapman mentioned about 75-100ft. the public hearing was declared closed at 6:48 p.m.

Attorney Stein was present and mentioned that the resolution 21-2022 has many different options. He mentioned the city cannot give away land they can prove a public purpose. Councilmember Simington wanted to know about fair market value of the land and if they needed to have the land appraised for the answer. Stein advised that yes you would need it appraised.

Motion Simington, Second Pomeroy, to get an appraisal and see if we can get enough room for all three parties interested. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy. Nays: Williams Absent; None

Motion Simington, Second Williamson to Approve Resolution 24-2022 – A Resolution awarding contract for the Water System Improvements – New Water Well #4 project. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Motion Simington, Second Williamson to Approve Resolution 22-2022 – A Resolution Temporarily Closing City Streets to Accommodate a Special Community Activity. Specifically Bully Bullhead Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

Motion Williamson, Second Simington to adjourn meeting at 6:57p.m. Vote; Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington, Pomeroy and Williams. Nays: None Absent; None

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Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

