

## **Ruthven City Council Meeting May 27, 2020 - 6:30 PM**

A regular council meeting of the Ruthven City Council was held May 27, 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. 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 click the link Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94173143827> and enter Meeting ID: 941 7314 3827, or Dial by your location (312) 626 6799 US (Chicago). Only staff is allowed in city hall.

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 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 at city hall or via video conference: Mitch Anderson, Dustin Johnson, Jay Schoning, Marci Simington (at 6:31 p.m.) and Terrence Williams. Absent: None

City employees present at City Hall: David Conlon and Margaret Tatman. Public-via video conference: Nancy Foertsch-LISSD, Ryan Baak, Doug Weir and Justin Henningsen.

Motion Johnson, second Schoning to approve: minutes from May 13, 2020 council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 6:32 p.m. for Amending Provision of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ruthven. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:33 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Simington and seconded by Councilmember Anderson to consider Ordinance No. 01-2020 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Well and upon roll call the following vote was recorded: AYES: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams NAYS: None. Said motion to consider this Ordinance was approved by the City Council;

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoning and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to waive the second and third considerations of this Ordinance and upon roll call the following vote was recorded: AYES: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams NAYS: None. Said motion to waive the second and third considerations of this Ordinance was approved by the City Council, and therefore, the second and third considerations of this Ordinance were waived;

Motion was made by Councilmember Schoning and seconded by Johnson to adopt this Ordinance and upon roll call the following vote was recorded: AYES: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams NAYS: None. Said motion to adopt this Ordinance was approved by the City Council. Thereupon, the Mayor declared this Ordinance, passed and approved.

Pool Opening Requirements were discussed. Decisions; Chairs-space out per CDC guidelines, Tables-remove, Slide-close off and Concessions-use only prepackaged products and no homemade items like pickle pops and no pickles unless packaged individually.

Water & Sewer Rate Requirements per USDA & SRF were discussed. Clerk Tatman was asked to get the math on the water and sewer rates on next agenda.

Mayor and Council then discussed the city rental building and the need for a new spec building due to deteriorating condition of the rental building. A council committee was set up to meet with Mayor Kirk to get a new building designed. Councilman Johnson and Anderson with Schoning as back up member were selected. Mayor Kirk stated that Simington suggested a spec house on Rolling St. property to use as temporary office space and then sell as house after.

Cemetery Maintenance Contractor, Kenny Grandstaff, has given city his 20 day notice on ending the cemetery maintenance contract. Ad has been put in Zipcode newspaper to accept bids until June 5, 2020. Mayor mentioned that there is \$13,331.26 left on Grandstaff's contract for this season. To get another contractor started without interruption of the care of the cemetery grounds, city council will look at a possible special meeting on Saturday June 6, 2020 to get new contractor hired.

Anesa McGregor has accepted the Deputy City Clerk position and will begin on June 1, 2020 at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Motion Simington, second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:08 p.m. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams Nays: None. Absent: None

Signed:

Attest:

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David J. Kirk, Mayor of Ruthven

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Margaret Tatman, City Clerk