

Ruthven City Council Meeting
June 12, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 12th Day of June 2024, 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 Johnson in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present: Maya Cacek, Morgan Miller, Mitch Anderson and Hailey Derrickson, Absent: Terrence Williams

City employees present: Jessica Schneider, Dave Conlon

Public: Steve Hallgren, Michael Capps

Motion Cacek, second Derrickson to approve Minutes from May 22nd, 2024, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financials. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:31 p.m. for the city of Ruthven Iowa's to approve the proposed plans and specifications, forms of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of sewer and water extension project for the City of Ruthven, Iowa. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:31p.m.

Motion Cacek, second Anderson to approve Resolution 24-2024 a resolution approving proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of project for the 2024 city of Ruthven utility extension (sewer and water) project. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Discussion was had on the 3rd and final consideration of the new rates for the Ruthven Municipal Waterworks System. DA Davidson worked on the required pro forma that is needed to be in place. The basic service charge being \$40.00 with the usage charges (per 1,000 gallons) being \$8.00.

Motion Derrickson Second Anderson to approve Ordinance 2-2024 adopting new water utility rates. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Clerk Schneider opened the BIDS from Muddy Creek Contract LLC, Cory Elbert Contracting LLC and Rosacker Excavating on the demo of the house at 1003 Center. Motion Anderson Second Derrickson to approve Rosacker Excavating with a BID of \$6,300. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Clerk Schneider presented a quote to the council from Electronic Specialties. With the work they will do it will allow the storm sirens to be tested from City Hall vs the Communication Center. This will take the responsibility of testing the storm sirens off the dispatchers as they are busy with incoming calls throughout the day. Motion Anderson, Second Cacek to move forward with this process. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Mayor and Council Pay were discussed. The council stated that they are happy with their pay and are here to do a service to the town. Motion Derrickson Second Anderson to keep the pay the same. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Motion Cacek, Second Derrickson to approve resolution 23-2024 a resolution temporarily closing city streets to accommodate a special community activity, specifically BBW. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Council member Terrence Williams joined the meeting

Motion Anderson second Derrickson to approve paying half of the insurance cost for LIRBA. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson and Anderson Nays: Absent: Williams

Steve Hallgren was present with an update on zoning and nuisances. Council discussed ways to move forward with mowing nuisances. Mayor presented to start having Dave and Toad post notices on the doors of the property that needs mowed with a certain time frame to get the project completed which will also include the weeds and trimming along the houses, buildings and trees then if not done in the time frame have a company come in and take care of the property with the cost from the company plus administrative fee to be sent to the property owner. Motion Derrickson Second Cacek to get BIDS from some companies who help with the mowing in towns for the next council meeting. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson, Williams and Anderson Nays: Absent: Motion Anderson Second Derrickson to adjourn meeting at 7:32 p.m. Vote: Ayes; Cacek, Miller, Derrickson, Williams and Anderson Nays: Absent:

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

