

Ruthven City Council Meeting
August 21, 2018 - 6:30 PM

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 21st Day of August, 2018, 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: Mitch Anderson, Dustin Johnson, Jay Schoning (exited at 7:55 p.m.), Marci Simington and Terrence Williams Absent: None

City employees present: Toad Loder and Margaret Tatman. Public: Shawn Schany, Thomas Willems, Rod Eaton, Rhonda Eaton, Will Freeman, Peg Cizek and Steve Cizek.

Motion Schoning, second Simington to approve Minutes from August 7, 2018 Council Meeting, Summary list of claims and Clerk's financial reports. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Shawn Schany of RVTC was present and presented ideas for moving existing cameras and adding more cameras around Ruthven to cover more of the city properties.

Motion Schoning, second Johnson to approve RVTC bid for additional camera purchases in the amount of \$11,135.00 to be paid out of PACGDC Grant Funds. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Nuisances were discussed with members of the public in attendance. Rod and Rhonda Eaton were in to discuss the property at 1306 and 1402 Merrill St. Council would like to see the "Dog House", as it is painted on the house, at 1402 Merrill St. improved or taken down. Rhonda informed the council that there is a loan on the property and they will not be taking the house down. She asked council to vacate the alley that is in-between the two properties to her and then she would go to court house to get the house labeled as an out building and not a house and then maybe it could be fixed up for storage. Thomas Willems shared his cleanup plan for property at 1206 West St. The cleanup and filling in of the open hole should be finished by Labor Day this year, with the exception of the garage. It is secured now and in good shape yet. Will Freeman was in to ask council if they remembered what tree they were talking about when they sent his mom the letter to trim or remove tree on the 1501 Ruthven St. property. He was told that both of his mom's properties need cleaned up of saplings and trees needing trimmed.

Mayor Kirk declared the public hearing open at 7:32 p.m. for Amending Its Ordinance, 92, Pertaining to Water Rates. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 7:55 p.m.

Motion Anderson, second Johnson, to put Ordinance 02-2018 on first filing. An Ordinance Amending the City of Ruthven, Iowa 2014 Municipal Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Whereupon, the Mayor put the question on the motion, and the roll being called, the vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning.

Motion Simington, second Johnson to approve the Iowa Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network Membership for the City of Ruthven. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Schoning.

No one has come forward to fill the opening on the Planning and Zoning Board so Mayor Kirk will do some more calls and find a volunteer to fill the position.

Discussion was held on a cremation cemetery columbarium for Crown Hill Cemetery. Decision to wait until Clerk Tatman can talk to Ruthven Rocks and find out if they can build something similar and cost for one from them.

Mayor Kirk shared information with council on how the GPOETL meetings went the past weekend. He said there were 19 in attendance and they came up with questions and complaints including the following; Crownhill Cemetery maintenance complaints, downtown revitalization and the problem with drugs in town. Mayor Kirk asked council to encourage citizens to attend the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday September 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Center so they can find out more info on these types of subjects.

Peg and Steve Cizek were present to ask city council if the Halloween trick or treating will be held on Halloween or another date. They are having a planning meeting Saturday August 25th at 9:30 a.m. in the social center for the annual Trunk n Treats event and needed the date before the meeting.

Councilwomen Simington thanked Dave Conlon and Toad Loder for all the work of getting the pillars on city sign, east of town, straightened up.

Motion Simington second Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:26 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk