

**Ruthven City Council Meeting
August 21, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 21st Day of August, 2019, 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, Marci Simington and Terrance Williams Absent: None

City employees present: Dave Conlon and Margaret Tatman.

Public: Lenny Larsen, Dave Schurg and Nancy Foertsch.

Motion Williams, second Anderson to approve: minutes from August 7, 2019 council meeting, summary list of claims and clerk's financial reports. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Dave Schurg, property owner at 1603 Washington St, was present to request city council write off the water and sewer charges for the extra 12,000 gallons of water that was billed to him this past month. He stated he had Culligan check his water softener and he did install a new toilet but he believes this is a meter or meter reader problem and not a problem in or outside his house. Mayor asked PWD Conlon to take electronic meter reader to the property and read it both manually at the meter and also outside with the meter reader. After Conlon returned, both readings matched, therefore it was determined there was no city meter or meter reader problem and there was nothing the City Council or Mayor could do to write off any of the bill. He was asked if he needed to set up a pay arrangement for the extra on his bill and he declined and said he will pay the bill.

Lenny Larsen updated city council on the Phase II Sewer Lagoon Project bid schedule, opening bids and possible first date of construction. We are on hold for moving forward until we get the ok letter from the USDA. He is going to call the state engineer this Friday to see if he can move him along so our project can go to bid and possibly start this fall yet.

Lenny then spoke to council regarding the water project the city and city engineer will be working on. DNR forgivable loans are not finalized yet, so ISG will apply for Ruthven once the final requirements and loan announcement comes out. He did give Clerk Tatman an updated plan for the options on the Water System Project and council will review at an upcoming meeting.

Lenny then discussed the Maguire Iron five (5) year maintenance agreement proposed to the city to cover painting the inside and outside of the water tower and inspections. Agreement comes to a price of \$274,111.00 with payments of \$54,822.00/year for five (5) years. Lenny said ISG firm has a couple of problems with the cost and the quality or type of paint being used. It was agreed that Lenny will send out an email to another water tower inspection company for them to inspect and determine if we need to paint again and if so to give a bid on the project.

Mayor Kirk took a few minutes to sign this year's Halloween Trick or Treating and Trunk-n-Treating Proclamation. Halloween will be celebrated in town on Thursday – October 31, 2019 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Motion Williams, second Simington to approve Resolution No 36-2019 – A Resolution Temporarily Closing City Streets to Accommodate a Special Community Activity, Specifically Halloween Trunk-n-Treating. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Councilman Schoning received a complaint regarding the maintenance at Crownhill Cemetery. The complaint was in regards to the flower bed at the veteran's memorial area.

Council will take care of getting the area planted with perennials this fall and check to see if the Legion Auxiliary is going to continue to maintain the flower bed.

The newest city seal design was gone over and some fine tuning to the design was decided. Next meeting they will review changes.

Mayor Kirk spoke with council members about a funding request he received from Ruthven Food Bank manager BJ Hemmingsen for a donation to the Ruthven Food Bank.

Motion Schoning, second Williams to donate \$500.00 to the Ruthven Food Bank. Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Simington, second Anderson to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. Vote- Ayes: Anderson, Johnson, Schoning, Simington and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: None

Signed:

Attest:

David J. Kirk, Mayor

Margaret Tatman, City Clerk