

Council Chambers, City Hall, March 2, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on March 10, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Schott presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Rue, Dyke & Schott Absent – Halva and Mayor Merlin Dunt
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Guenther, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009 regular council meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Dyke, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Public Hearing FY2009-10 City Budget	<p>City Clerk/Administrator Martin E. Games announced this was the date and time set to hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 City Budget. Games reported that, as presented, the City's property tax levy will remain at \$11.33 per thousand, same as the current levy. Games advised there are shortfalls in the General Fund and recommended each department head review their budget and assist in making cuts totaling \$30,000 by March 25th, 2009.</p> <p>With no questions or comments, a motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p> <p>A motion was then made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke to have the department heads turn in their revised budget by noon on March 25th to discuss at the April 6th Council Meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
Resolution No. 2009-20 Adopting FY2009-10 City Budget	Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Dyke, to adopt Resolution #2009-20, a resolution adopting the city budget for fiscal year 2009-10 and to continue discussion on reducing the General Fund shortfalls at the April 6 th Council Meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Kaleidoscope Kids Childcare Discuss Hiring an Architect	Vicky Bloxham of Upper Exploreland approached the Council asking the Council to endorse Gardner Architecture for their project pending the financing comes through on the grants. There has been a delay on awarding the grants by the State of Iowa from March 1 st to April 1 st , 2009. To date, the Kaleidoscope Kids Childcare Center has requested a Block Grant for \$500,000, a USDA Loan for \$200,000, and a USDA Grant for \$50,000. Total project is estimated at \$1.3mm. Dyke asked if this would be more appropriate to review once the funding is awarded. Bloxham advised this is just to put things in place so as soon as they receive the award they can proceed without coming to another council meeting to approve. After some discussion, Council did not feel comfortable making a motion at this time. Jeni Elsbernd then advised the Council they have been working with Dennis Hahnke on Grant Funding to assist them in finding more resources. Deb Chensvold from Palmer Lutheran Hospital has agreed to allow Elsbernd and Cheryl Meyer to assist in the Campaign Funding as they were involved with Palmer Lutheran's. Mayor Pro-Tem Troy Schott advised we would table discussion until a later date when we know funding is there.
Changing Stop Lights to LED Fixtures	City Administrator Martin Games advised the Council that he has compiled information with the help of Street Superintendent, Rory Starks in changing the city's stop lights to the "greener" more efficient LED lighting. The cost to replace all stop lights would be \$4,075 less an Alliant rebate of \$1,412, for a net cost of \$2,663. According to the information, LED lighting should have a life of about 10 years and provide energy savings of up to 90 %. Games calculated a savings of \$220 per month if they would provide at least an 80% efficiency. The bulbs currently need replacing about every two years.

A motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue to proceed with changing all city stop lights' red and green bulbs to the LED lighting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Renewal Gus &
Tony's Townhouse
Special Class C
Liquor License,
Beer & Wine Only

A motion was made by Rue, seconded by Guenther, to approve the renewal of Gus & Tony's Townhouse Special Class C liquor license, with beer and wine only. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Next Council
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held March 16, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue, to adjourn. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 P.M..

TROY SCHOTT, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy City Clerk