

Council Minutes, Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank, June 2, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on June 2, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. in the basement of Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Halva, Guenther, Dyke, Schott and Rue Absent – None
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2009 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Schott , seconded by Halva, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Downtown Imp. Project Discussion	<p>David Yocca, of the CDF Engineering Team, presented a slide show explaining to the Public the scope of the Downtown Project. Once completed, cost estimates were reviewed by line item. Mayor, Merlin Dunt offered questioning to be asked by the Council or by the Public. One of the first questions being what would it cost the taxpayers. City Administrator Martin Games advised if the City borrowed \$3mm at 3% for 10 years, the taxes would increase about \$5 per thousand per household. This would translate to a \$100,000 house raising about \$225/year; and a \$300,000 Commercial property increasing about \$1500/year. A Public vote is not needed for this type of a project, but a Public Hearing would need to be held. When asked if this project could break down to smaller phases, the response was that it definitely could. In fact, some of the grants available would only apply to certain aspects of the total project. Jeff Geertz from Iowa Economic Development advised this project has already started to get national attention due to all the components of it.</p> <p>Mayor Dunt advised the Council that some decisions need to be made in order to proceed with requesting for grant money. Games added that as our City Administrator for 22 years, it is not his intention to put the City in financial difficulty. He has always run this City in a way that we always knew where the money would come from before we spent it. Councilmember Marc Rue added that these figures are definitely above what we can afford, and does not show a cost to maintain the system. That would be something we would need to review. Dyke also added that there are several items within the costing that should be cut from the plan.</p> <p>Clarification was then made that adopting the Resolution ONLY puts in place that we will do something for the Streetscape Project, but does not tie us to the estimate presented. The next few weeks will be spent applying for grants, and trimming items that are not within our budget. It is NOT the goal of anyone on this team to put the City in a financial constraint over this project, but to review what can be done with the extra assistance that is being offered to us.</p>
Resolution #2009-23	A Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott , to adopt Resolution #2009-23 adopting the boundaries of the West Union Streetscape Project pursuant to section 403.4, 403.5, and 403.17 of the Code of Iowa and approve the surveys of buildings and the Public Improvements within the Streetscape Project in the City of West Union, Iowa. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held June 15, 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 Dyke, to adjourn. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk