

Council Chambers, City Hall April 6, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on April 6, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding.

- Attendance Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Schott, Halva, Dyke and Rue. Absent – None
- Approval of Minutes Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 regular council meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
- Approval of Agenda Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
- Update on Kaleidoscope Kids Jennifer Thuentes and Jessica White approached the Council, providing them with an informational handout on the number of kids at the center, as well as where the parents work and live. Thuentes advised they were denied the CAT grant, but were going to continue working on the project to reapply. They currently have about 50 children using the center full or part time. They are scheduling a summer program, which they feel will get them to their capacity of 60. They currently employ 5 full time staff and 10 part time staff.
- Council expressed their appreciation for the information. This is what was requested initially, but never received. Thuentes encouraged the Council to request any further information and questions directly to her and White.
- Update on Downtown Projects Robin Bostrom addressed the Council with a complete update on the Main Street Project, Green Pilot Program, and Great Places designation. Design Forum will provide updates every two weeks at several different times to accommodate the Public. Five monitors will be positioned downtown to monitor the water runoff. Main Street has received funding of \$35,000 to assist businesses in making improvements that are more energy efficient. A Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant for 40 gallons of paint was just received to assist businesses downtown painting their exteriors.
- Jon Biederman advised the Council that geotechnical services are needed for further soil boring research, which is critical with infiltrating the water. Tekippe Engineering recommends the proposal from Terracon for \$4400. City Administer Martin Games advised that the State would assist in 50% of the funding for the services.
- A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to approve Terracon to supply geotechnical services. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- New Street Light at Jay's Automotive Councilman Troy Schott advised he spoke with Jay Schwaman regarding his request for a street light on Highway 150 south by the car wash he just purchased. Games advised Alliant would install at no charge, but there would be a monthly fee of \$7 to add a light out there.
- A motion was made Schott, seconded by Rue to approve the new street light. Roll Call. Guenther, Schott, Rue, and Halva – Aye. Dyke voted No. Carried.
- Vacation and Sale of Alley Chris Lauer approached Council with a request to vacate the alley located between 105 and 107 North Pine Street. Lauer would like to tear down the property at 105 North Pine. Resident Shawn Miller advised he would buy his half of the alley, and LeRoy Soppe is discussing with Holy Name Catholic Church. Only concern is of the storm sewer located there.
- A motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva to recommend this to the Planning & Zoning Commission to be added to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Renewal of Class B Beer Permit for R's Red Heart	A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to renew a Class B Beer Permit with Sunday sales for R's Red Heart Pizza. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
March 2009 Financial Reports	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to approve the March, 2009 financial reports for the city as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Reduction in FY2009-10 General Fund Budget Requests	Games thanked all General Fund Department Heads for reducing their budgets by \$23,505. In addition, Games recommended another \$11,165 in reductions to the General Fund for a total reduction of \$34,670. Halva advised she would like to see the numbers in a spreadsheet form to look at again before approving.  A motion was made by Schott, seconded by Rue, to accept the reductions per the recommendations by Games. Roll call. Guenther, Dyke, Rue, and Schott – Aye. Halva – No. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held April 20, 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 7:00 P.M.

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MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

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AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk