

Council Chambers, City Hall, December 7, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on December 7, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding. The meeting began with citing the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Council members Guenther, Schott, Rue, Halva and Dyke. Absent: None
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue to approve the minutes of the November 16th, 2009 regular meeting and November 24th, 2009 special meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke, to approve the agenda as presented with the change. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Update on Downtown Streetscape	A handout was presented by City Administrator, Martin Games, prepared by our grant writer, Kathy Showalter, showing the update on funding. Games received news this morning that we have been awarded the RISE Grant for \$2.3mm. The CAT grant will be ready to submit on December 18 th , for \$1.2mm. Funds secured to date exceed \$6mm.
Resolution #2010-06 Increase Temporary Loan Agreement	Per Games, in November, 2008, Council approved a \$150,000 temporary note at 4.5% interest to provide for engineering costs to get the project underway. To date, \$100,000 has been drawn on that loan. Our local banks have agreed to increase that to \$450,000 at the same interest rate. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to approve Resolution #2010-06 to increase to \$450,000 at the 4.5% interest rate. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to CDF for Engineering	Received invoices from Conservation Design through October 31 st , 2009 for a total of \$187,000. Phase 1 is 80% complete in engineering; phase 2 is about 70% complete. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott, to approve the payment. Roll call. Rue – Nay, rest voted Aye. Carried.
Hear from Norm Einck on Survey Results	Norm Einck approached the Council with copies of the results of the survey he conducted, including the comments from the public. Einck advised his goal was just to open communication with the public who may not feel comfortable coming to the open meetings. He received 85 out of approximately 700 distributed. Council advised they would review.
Updates from Park/Rec Board	Park & Rec Director, Kathy Guyer, addressed the Council with updates on Park & Rec activities for 2009. Bids will be accepted this next week to replace the roof at the pool next spring which was damaged in the July storm. Fundraising and grant requests continue for new playground equipment at Clark Park.
Updates from Library Board	Library Director, Tara Johnson and librarian, Jennifer Mackey, presented the updates at the Library including the new teen program. Enrollment in the teen program is up from 13 to 40, and new activities at the Library are added to the calendar, available to the public, as they get them planned.
Resolution #2010-07 Re-appointing Jeremiah White as City Attorney	Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Rue, approving Jeremiah White to continue as city attorney for 2010 and 2011. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Process of Salary Adjustments for Next Fiscal Year	Councilmember Troy Schott requested a look at employee evaluations as part of possible salary adjustments for the next fiscal year. After some discussion, council members Karen Halva and Britt Dyke, Employee Committee for the council, advised they would contact department superintendants and start creating job descriptions for each department.
Approval of November, 2009 City Financials	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke, to approve the November, 2009 city financial reports as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on December 21, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at 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 aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk