

Council Chambers, City Hall April 5, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on April 5, 2010 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 Rue, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 regular meeting and March 29 th , 2010 special 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.
Resolution #2010-23 Hiring Reserve Officer, Michael P. Donahue	Jim Davies, Police Chief, approached the council to request hiring another reserve officer to prepare for Officer Parker’s military leave this fall. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to approve hiring Michael P. Donahue as a reserve police officer at \$12.00/hour per Davies request. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Overnight Parking at Moonlight Stitching Studio & Retreat	Deb Thies, new business owner at Moonlight Stitching Studio & Sisters Retreat, requested overnight parking on North Vine Street for her guests for the weekend retreats. She is hoping for 26 retreats per year. Chief Davies asked for a contact number in case of emergencies or the need to move for snow removal. Idea was to use a parking permit that would hang from the rear view mirror to easily identify the vehicles involved. Council asked for more time to review. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Rue, to table until next meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss “Customer Only” Parking at Kristi’s Family Salon	Salon owner, Kristi Meitner, advised council of the need for more parking or designated “customer only” parking in front of her salon as she has multiple clients there at one time and the transit vans delivering also. Meitner asked if the broken curb to the east could be angle parking and allow for extra spaces. Street superintendent, Rory Starks, offered to review the space and advise on that possibility. City attorney recommended the issue be reviewed by Planning & Zoning. Motion by Rue, seconded by Schott, to refer to Planning & Zoning Commission. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Update on Downtown Projects	Robin Bostrom advised the Council I-Jobs Flood Mitigation Funding for \$1.175mm, an amount we were not planning on, is waiting for Governor Culver’s signature, and will probably be earmarked for street items. Due to that funding, the CAT application needs to be revised, and a 30 day extension to May has been requested. Jon Biederman advised bid letting could still be released as that grant applies more to the amphitheatre amenities on the courtyard and does not affect street design.
Approval of Payment to Grant Writer	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve invoice #2333 for \$1274.01 for services by Kathy Showalter, grant writer, through March 2 nd , 2010. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Payment to CDF for Engineering	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve invoice #6477 for \$28,750 and invoice #6499 for \$9,625 for a total of \$38,375 for construction document development. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Amendment to Urban Renewal Area	City Attorney, Jerem White, advised he has reviewed the proposed Urban Renewal area in the Downtown Project area and is in review with Bob Josten for further direction. No action needed at this time.
Discuss Gender Balanced Boards	Councilman, Troy Schott presented the law on “gender-based” boards & commissions and requested council review prior to board members terms expiring. Amie Johansen advised the listing of the boards and commissions is on the West Union website, and will provide a copy of the boards & terms to each council member for review.

Renewal of
Class B Beer
& Wine Cooler
for Fayette Co.
Speedway

A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Dyke, to renew a Class B Beer & Wine Cooler Permit for Fayette County Speedway. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Next Council
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held April 19, 2010, 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.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk