

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

The West Union City Council met on October 5, 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 Halva, Guenther, Schott and Rue Absent – Dyke
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Rue, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Update on Downtown Streetscape	Games advised we have received preliminary notification that we have been approved for another \$1.5mm grant, with formal announcement to be out soon. To date, we have been approved for \$4.5mm, including the \$2mm State Revolving Loan for the City. About \$8mm in grants is still pending. Fayette County Supervisors will advise Thursday their commitment to the project.
Discussion on Special Assessments	<p>Jon Biederman, Tekippe Engineering, approached the Council with handouts on the process of assessments and the three aspects that would be involved, which are sidewalk, water service from main to building interior, and sanitary sewer service from main to building exterior. A property can only be assessed up to 25% of their value, but the added value after the project is complete can be used to figure that amount. Nonprofits would be assessed also. The Council would be in charge of setting that amount, which usually is the county's assessed amount, and could be repaid over 10-15 years. Geothermal would be considered as a separate phase of the project. Games advised the process needs to get started due to the time it takes to prepare.</p> <p>Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott, to authorize City Attorney Jerem White to provide services related to the special assessment process, and to also request the City's Bonding Attorney provide similar services as needed. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
Bid Letting & Construction of Phase 1 of the Downtown Project	Biederman advised Council that design plans should be ready on November 23, with bid letting to start on December 23, 2009 for phase 1 of the Downtown Project, which is all of Vine Street and the sidewalks on the south side of Elm Street. The timeframe needs to be met as the State is pushing to get the Stimulus Funds working on projects they are funding, such as this one, which amounts to \$2mm at 3% interest plus \$500,000 in a forgivable loan. CDF Engineers are working to create a spreadsheet that shows each line item of the project phase, and what grant will apply to that.
Project "Grant Administrator"	<p>Per Games, with grants we are receiving, we are approaching the time to hire a Grant Administrator to review all language of the grant and make sure grant money is received as awarded. Most of the grants being received require the city to hire an outside party to perform these services. Possible options are our current Grant Writer Kathy Showalter, Upper Exploreland, or others.</p> <p>Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to request Games seek proposals from potential sources. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
Support for West Union Rec. Foundation	Norm Einck spoke on behalf of the West Union Recreation Foundation asking for a letter of support and a financial commitment of \$500 per year for 5 years towards improvements at the Rec Center. Games advised this could be funded from the General Fund or Hotel/Motel Tax, as it promotes tourism in our city.

Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve a letter of support and a \$500 pledge each year for the next 5 years to the West Union Recreation Foundation. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Schedule of Boards/Commissions to Review with Council Councilman Troy Schott requested at the last meeting for Games to put a schedule together for regular review with the City's Boards and Commissions. Games presented to the Council a schedule for the rest of 2009 with two boards presenting at each Council meeting. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approval of September, 2009 Financial Reports Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Schott, to approve the September, 2009 city financial reports as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting The next regular meeting will be held October 19, 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 7:03 P.M.

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MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

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AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk