

Council Chambers, City Hall, March 1, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on March 1, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Rue, Halva, Dyke & Schott. Absent – None
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2010 regular council meeting and the February 22 nd , 2010 work session at Kerndt Brothers Bank. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Dyke, to approve the agenda with an amendment to table item #7D as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing FY2010-11 City Budget	<p>This was the date and time set to hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 City Budget. Martin E. Games reported that, as presented, the City’s property tax levy will remain at \$11.33 per thousand, same as the current levy. Games advised there is a 7% increase in property tax value figured into the budget. A question was asked as to how much seal coating was figured in, and Games advised we typically plan for about \$35,000 each year.</p> <p>After questions and comments, a motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
Resolution No. 2010-13 Adopting FY2010-11 City Budget	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Guenther, to adopt Resolution #2010-13, a resolution adopting the city budget for fiscal year 2010-11 as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Support to Helping Services	After checking with the county and being advised they donated \$5,000 from the general fund to Helping Services, Council feels we are already giving to this cause through our county taxes. Motion was made by Dyke, seconded by Rue, to keep the same and just have the county support it. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Representation at CAT Presentation March 10 th	Board review for the CAT application was changed to March 10 th due to weather. The following will represent the City: Sue North, Tobin Britt, Robin Bostrom, Jon Biederman, and grant writer Kathy Showalter. Halva will check her schedule and try to go also.
Discuss Downtown as an Urban Renewal Area	City Attorney, Jerem White, advised he sent the information to Bob Josten to review, but has nothing new to report at this time.
Approval of a Historic Preservation Commission	Dick Woodard approached the council to discuss establishing a Historical Preservation Commission, which would allow us some assistance in preserving historical properties in West Union. Motion made by Halva, seconded by Schott to approve the establishment of a Historical Preservation Commission. Woodard will solicit candidates for the commission, of which 3 are needed. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of the 2009 Police Report	Police Chief, Jim Davies, submitted a report for 2009 activity. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to accept the report as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Payment to CDF for Engineering on the Downtown	Invoice was submitted by Conservation Design Forum for \$19,125 for design development. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve payment to CDF for \$19,125. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Project Application with	Robin Bostrom, Fayette County Economic Development, approached council in regards to a company she is working with to fill the Atwood

Fayette County Economic Develop.	building, and requested the city's support on the application which will be submitted to IDED to assist the business in a financial package. Bostrom will prepare a resolution for next council meeting.
Discuss Sidewalk Snow Removal Equip	Rory Starks, Street Superintendent, discussed snow removal equipment he feels he will need with the new Downtown Street Project. To continue plowing the sidewalks for the businesses, and to add equipment to be used on the permeable pavers, he is looking at \$32,156.93 in equipment. This does not take into consideration the equipment the airport is applying for with their grant money, which could be used for downtown also.
Discuss Job Openings	City Administrator - Councilmembers Halva and Britt advised the council that 4 candidates will be interviewed for the City Administrator opening the week of March 1 st . They hope to have a recommendation ready by the next council meeting.
Approval of Resolution #2010-14 Approving Changes in Water/Wastewater Dept.	Water/Wastewater Operator: 5 candidates have all been set up to interview on Saturday, March 6 th at City Hall with Halva and Dyke. After a request from Johansen and Moser, a motion was made to approve Resolution #2010-14, changing the title of the position from Laborer to Water/Wastewater Operator. The following are recommendations by Halva and Dyke: Move Scott Johansen to Utility Superintendent at a 15% wage increase to \$17.88/hour effective 2/25/10. Once he passes the grade III operator certification, wage will then increase to \$18.75/hour. Johansen will sign wastewater reports. Move Mike Moser to Water Superintendent at a 10% wage increase to \$19.06/hour. Moser will sign water reports. After several supporting comments made for the job Moser & Johansen do, motion was made by Halva, seconded by Dyke, to approve the above as stated. Roll call. Rue-Nay. Schott, Dyke, Halva, Guenther – Ayes. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held March 15, 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 Dyke, to adjourn. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned 6:50 P.M.

Merlin Dunt, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy City Clerk