

Council Minutes, Council Chambers, July 6, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on July 6, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Dyke, Schott and Rue. Absent – Halva
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing on Expanded and Consolidated Urban Renewal Area	This was the time and place designated for a public hearing on the designation of an Expanded and Consolidated West Union Urban Renewal Area. City Administrator Bob Vagts advised he received three written comments, one open forum in the paper by the County Auditor, Norm Einck presented a handout for all council, and Randy Petsche expressed concern if the Industrial Development Area was included. Lynn commented on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission that downtown does meet the urban revitalization codes, but has not made a recommendation on the Consolidated Urban Renewal area. Supporting comments were made advising the advantage of this, is that wherever development should come about, funds can be shared across the TIFs to benefit that area. TIF funding does not take away all taxes that should go to county and the school, but allows for the increased revenue from the development to be used to assist in further development. After discussion was complete, a motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to close the public hearing. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Update on Dept. of Energy Award	Vagts advised he has received the paperwork to fill out for the Department of Energy award. There are no up front administrative allowances available. All submittals will be prepared by City staff. They will, however, advance funds throughout the job instead of at completion.
Approval for EPA Environmental Review-Phase 1	Bill Ziegler, Upper Exploreland, advised EPA does need to do an Environmental Review, as there just is not enough historic data available. This step must be done in order to receive any of the federal funding applied for. This will need to be completed by an archaeologist, estimated at about \$3800, which can be reimbursed by the grant funding. Will also need county's approval for courthouse area; Ziegler will address with them. If any artifacts are found, we would want to move to a different site, due to additional costs to research. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke to approve the EPA Environmental Review. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to Upper Exploreland for Invoice #3	Vagts presented an invoice for \$251.23 from Upper Exploreland for costs incurred for CDBG administration. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke to approve the payment for invoice #3 for \$251.23. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to Conservation Design Forum	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve payment to Conservation Design Forum for invoice #6613 for phase 2 construction documents for \$3,850. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Final Reading Ordinance #552 Increasing Water and Sewer Rates	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #552, an ordinance increasing water and sewer rates. Roll call. Rue-Nay. Dyke, Guenther, Schott-Aye. Carried.
Adoption of Ordinance #552	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to adopt Ordinance #552, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Union, Iowa, 2010, water and sewer rates under chapters 92 and 99 effective August 1, 2010. Roll call. Guenther, Dyke, Schott – Aye. Rue-Nay. Carried.

Resolution #2010-34 Conflict of Interest Policy Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Rue, to adopt Resolution #2010-34, a resolution adopting a conflict of interest policy for all city employees. Roll Call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Resolution #2010-35 Iowa Smart Planning Principles Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to adopt Resolution #2010-35, a resolution adopting Iowa Smart Planning Principles. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

2010 Census Update Everett Rowland and Tim Rulapaugh expressed their appreciation to the city for the use of the library and the press release in the Union, as they have not been able to count every household. The census dictates funding for road use tax and many other funding disbursements per capita. Each person counted adds approximately \$12-14,000 of funding to the county, so it is very important to turn in the forms. The counting will be wrapped up by the end of July.

Renewal Class C Liquor Permit Top Hat Tavern Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Rue, to approve renewal for the Top Hat Class C Liquor Permit, with outdoor service. Roll call. All Aye. Guenther abstained. Carried.

Next Meeting Next regular council meeting will be Monday, July 19, 2010 in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn With no further business to bring before the council, motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott to adjourn the meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:18 P.M.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk