

Council Chambers, City Hall, March 29, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on March 29, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers: Dyke, Schott, Halva, Rue and Guenther Absent – None
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to approve the agenda with one amendment to consider a resolution to approve CDF to proceed with design of the geothermal well field. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution #2010-18 Hiring Bob Vagts as Administrator/City Clerk	Councilman Britt Dyke advised the Interview committee received 24 applications for the Administrator/City Clerk opening, and recommend Bob Vagts to the position at \$46,500/year to start with. After 30 days he will be eligible for the benefits as listed in the Personnel Policies book, and after 6 months probation, salary will increase to \$48,500/year. A motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve Resolution #2010-18 hiring Bob Vagts to the Administrator/City Clerk position per above. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution #2010-19 Approving the West Union Volunteer Firefighters, Inc.	Fire Chief, Roger Gamm, approached the council to discuss forming a non profit corporation to partner with the city for fundraising & applying for grants that require a non profit status. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke to approve Resolution #2010-19, a resolution approving partnership with The West Union Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution #2010-20 Approving the RISE Grant	Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott, to approve Resolution #2010-20, a resolution signing Agreement #2010-R-012 partnering with Iowa DOT for the RISE Grant on the Downtown Project. Roll call. Rue – Nay; Guenther, Schott, Dyke, Halva – Aye. Carried.
Resolution #2010-21 Approving the I-JOBS Grant	Motion to approve signing Contract #ESD0433JBERCK100107_06 partnering with Iowa DNR for \$100,000 for the I-JOBS Grant for the Downtown Project was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva. Rue – Nay; Schott, Guenther, Dyke, Halva – Aye. Carried.
Resolution #2010-22 Approving the Design of the Geothermal Well Fields	Karla Organist, Fayette County Economic Development, advised the County has approved the well fields for the district wide geothermal heating and cooling system to be located on the courtyard. Bill Ziegler advised the fee for designing the well fields may be rolled into the CDBG grant, and he will check into that. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott to approve Resolution #2010-22 approving CDF to proceed with design of the well fields at a lump sum fee of \$30,000. Roll call. Rue – Nay; Dyke, Halva, Guenther, Schott – Aye. Carried.
Discuss Water/Sewer Rate Change	Sue North, Downtown Project Coordinator, advised council there may be some savings in refinancing the loan on the water tower still outstanding. Jon Biederman, Tekippe Engineering, discussed the production cost study they had completed back in 2009 to show the need for an increase in rates. Further discussion on the issue is required to calculate a rate appropriate.
Approve Payment for Sue North	Council member, Karen Halva, advised in the transition of Games leaving, Sue North has stepped in to keep the Downtown Project moving ahead and would like to see her continue as needed to assist the new administrator with the transition. Dyke also advised she has made some trips to Des Moines for the city and should be reimbursed for that mileage too. Schott advised he would like a monthly review to see where we are and how the office staff needs to adjust. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott, to pay Sue North for the 123 hours she has worked at \$21/per hour plus mileage at \$.50/mile (IRS Federal Rate) as soon as possible, and the same rate as she continues. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Motion was then made by Halva, seconded by Schott, to continue monthly evaluations of Bob Vagts, Sue North, and Amie Johansen to adjust work hours and rate as needed. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held April 5, 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 Schott, seconded by Dyke, to adjourn. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:37 P.M.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy Clerk