

Council Chambers, City Hall, May 2, 2011, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on May 2, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Merlin Dunt presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Dyke, Guenther, Schott, Halva and Rue Absent – None
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Steve Fate To Library Board	Library Director Jill Clark advised Steve Fate has volunteered to start a 6-year term with the West Union Library Board to replace Dean Thomas due to his move out of town. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Dyke to appoint Steve Fate to the Library Board for term of 5/2/11 to 5/2/2017. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment For DOE Grant Administration to Upper Exploreland	City Administrator, Bob Vagts, advised this is the first invoice from Upper Exploreland for administering the DOE grant. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve payment of invoice #1 for \$2,992.50. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution #2011-70 Lease Agreement with Mike Streif	After some discussion, a motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2011-71 Lease with Fayette County	Vagts advised he and Jon Biederman of Tekippe Engineering met with Fayette County Supervisors, and all agree on the lease as presented for storage of streetscape materials. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott to approve the lease as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2011-72 Setting a Public Hearing on the Civic Plaza Project.	Vagts advised the bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on May 12 <sup>th</sup> for the West Union Civic Plaza Project, and then opened at City Hall. Council will be presented the list of all bids received for the May 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Rue, to set the Public Hearing for 5:30 p.m. on May 16 <sup>th</sup> at council chambers. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2011-73 for NF Ind. Tech. Class to Build Bike Racks	Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Dyke, to approve resolution 2011-73, a resolution approving the North Fayette Industrial Tech students to build 4 bike racks for the downtown for \$1600. Roll call. Guenther abstained due to his school board position; rest Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Terracon Consultants for Soil Testing	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to approve invoice #T202215 for \$455.50 for soil testing on the streetscape project. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to Shawver Well Co. for Geothermal Test Wells	Vagts advised Shawver will be providing results from the conductivity tests and their recommendations at Tuesday's construction meeting. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott, to approve the payment on request #1 for \$32,520.40. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval to Sell Pavers from Streetscape	Vagts advised council the going rate on brick pavers is 25 cents each. Rory Starks has offered the assistance of the Boy Scouts to help load in exchange for 5 cents of the profit for a fundraiser. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to approve the sale of the bricks as presented, and put the money in the General Fund. Roll Call. All voted Aye. Carried. First dates are set for Saturday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> from 8am – noon & also Tuesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at the city dump field.

Approve 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 557 Amending Water & Sewer Rates	To start planning towards a new sewer plant, Vagts suggested a 3% increase in the water/sewer rates, plus a flat fee of \$2.50 for water capital improvements, and a \$5 flat fee for sewer capital improvements. Vagts would also like to remove quarterly billing and have the entire city on monthly billing. Even with these changes, reports show us to be \$8-10 cheaper than most of the towns around us. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 557. Roll call. Rue – No; Rest Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2011-74 Adopting Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan	Vagts asked the council if we could table this item, as he just received word of some possible changes before the meeting. Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Guenther, to table until a later date. Roll call. All vote Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2011-75 Develop. Agreement for Stoney Brook Estates	Vagts advised since the TIF meeting, verbiage on item #4 in Section A has been changed to add “Developer will not reclassify for tax purposes”. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Posting & Hiring for Water/ Sewer Employee	Utilities Superintendent, Scott Johansen, reported to the council of the need to hire a fourth person in the water/sewer department as soon as possible due to Mike’s retirement approaching, the time the Streetscape Project requires, the repairs needing to be done, the demand DNR is requiring, and some safety issues of solo duties. After some discussion, motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to approve the process to hire another employee in the water/sewer department. Roll call. Rue – No; Rest – Aye. Carried.
Discuss Golf Carts in Downtown Streets	Main Street Director, Robin Bostrom, advised the council the Main Street Organization would like to discuss the use of a golf cart with designated phone line to assist with transportation to the downtown businesses as streetscape progresses. Cathy Bemiss added the city where they winter allows golf carts all the time as long as they have blinkers & headlights, in all speed zones under 35 mph, with much success. Police Chief Jim Davies was asked for his comment, and he has no problem with it, as long as they have an insurance card. Vagts advised he was reviewing some current ordinances that do allow golf carts, and will bring to next meeting.
Approve Fireworks Permit for West Union Chamber	Bostrom presented a request for a fireworks permit for July 3 <sup>rd</sup> at the Rec Center for the West Union Chamber, with a rain date of July 8 <sup>th</sup> . Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Guenther, to approve the permit. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
2011-2012 Council Committee Member List	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve the 2011-2012 Council Committee Appointments. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. (list provided on west union website).
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held May 16, 2011 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 Halva, to adjourn. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 P.M.

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MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

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AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk