

The West Union City Council met on December 5, 2011 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 member Halva, Rue and Guenther
Absent – Dyke & Schott
- Approval of Agenda Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Approval of the Minutes Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Rue, to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Public Hearing Status of Funded Activities for Geothermal & Streetscape This is the time and place set for a public hearing with regards to the CDBG funding for the downtown streetscape project. Chelsea Welsh of Upper Exploreiland, grant administrator of the project, gave the following report:

**West Union CDBG Downtown Streetscape and Geothermal System
Public Hearing on Status of Funds
Projects # 09-OT-002 & 09-DTR-001**

1. General description of accomplishments to date:
The two Community Development Block Grants for the Iowa Green Streets Pilot Project are funding the geothermal distribution system for the project area. Work completed through October 29th includes 1,703 lineal feet of 8" diameter transfer main, 3,521 lineal feet of service line piping to individual properties, 18 service stubs placed into buildings, and one drain vault. The geothermal infrastructure is being placed as the overall reconstruction progresses, one block at a time. Materials for the construction of the system have been purchased by the contractor, and stored on site.
2. Current financial summary to date:
For the Downtown streetscape portion of the project, the total project cost comes to \$7,600,000. For the geothermal distribution system portion of the project, the total project cost comes to \$1,900,000.
The total CDBG money awarded \$500,000 from each CDBG grant.
Total CDBG funds expended to date are as follows: \$203,588.43 expended from the 09-OT-002 grant and \$206,369.50 expended from the 09-DTR-001 grant.

3. General descriptions of the remaining work:
Future work includes furnishing and placing the remainder of the 8" diameter transfer main, service lines, stubs to properties, and drain vaults under the current streetscape contract. The next phase and contract of the geothermal portion of the project is for well fields and associated infrastructure. This work will take place on the courthouse square and Lion's Park (located north of US Hwy. 18). The remainder of CDBG funding will be applied towards geothermal transfer line and other associated infrastructure placed north of US Hwy. 18 and the courthouse square.
4. General description of changes made to the project budget, etc:
There have been no changes in either CDBG budget. A request was submitted to IDED for an extension on the end date of the grants. The request was accepted and the grants now have an end date of December 31, 2012.

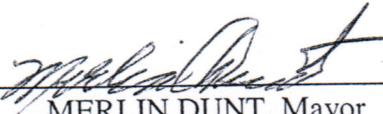
After no comments or questions, a motion was made by Rue, seconded by Guenther, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

- Geothermal Update Tom Osdoba, Managing Director of Business at the University of Oregon, advised council he has worked with several different district wide systems, and is using West Union as another case study for his white pages. Osdoba will be working with businesses to decide their interest, working with experts to get the correct size system and actual cost, and work with the city on the financial and operational side of the system from now to approximately April.
- Approve Invoices For Tekippe Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to approve invoice #5 from Tekippe Engineering for \$2,482 for Civic Plaza Engineering. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Motion was then made by Halva, seconded by Rue, to approve invoice #12 from Tekippe for \$17,264 for Streetscape Engineering. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Approve Payment to Echo Valley Metalworks Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to approve payment to Echo Valley Metalworks in the amount of \$773.54 for invoice #00010163 for Cline's rail redesign. Roll Call. Rue-No, Rest voted Aye. Carried.
Rue commented that it is only fair that Cline's pay half since Tony Osmundson had to pay for half of his change to the plans.
- Approve Payment to Crawford Engineering Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Rue, to approve payment of \$7,400 for invoice #7551 to Crawford Engineering for professional services related to acquisition of Airport snow removal equipment. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Approve Payment To Baumler Imp. For Airport Snow Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to approve the Payment for the Airport snow removal equipment for \$144,900. After the Airport Grant, the city's share is about \$8,500. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Approve Contract With Mediacom For Water Plant Mike Moser, Water Superintendent, advised council the controls and alarms are currently running through phone lines, which could be eliminated by switching to radio control that is fed through high speed internet. Motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther, to approve a contract with Mediacom for \$59.95/month for high speed internet at the water plant. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Approve Renewal Of Class B Native Wine Permit for Old Mill Floral Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Halva, to approve the renewal of the class B Native Wine Permit for Old Mill Floral. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Approve November Financials Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Guenther, to approve November Financials as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
- Next Council Meeting The next regular meeting will be held on December 19, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. at 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 Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 P.M.



MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk