

Council Chambers, City Hall, November 3, 2008, 4:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on November 3, 2008 at 4:30 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 members Guenther, Schott, Halva, Rue, and Dyke
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Dyke to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Schott, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Update on Main Street Project	City Administrator Martin Games advised he discussed with City Attorney Jerem White the potential for interim financing as the Streetscape Project gets underway. Greg Ptacek submitted a letter from Kerndt Brothers Bank agreeing to an 18 month draw period at 4.5% interest up to \$150,000. A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther to have the City Attorney prepare a resolution approving the financing agreement with Kerndt Brothers Bank. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Resolution #2009-12	Councilmembers reviewed a letter from Tekippe Engineering indicating that all utility improvements in Kenneth Jensen’s Second Addition to the City have been completed in accordance with city specifications and the city can now accept the construction as completed. A motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva to accept the utility improvements within the subdivision. All voted aye. Carried.
Update on Iowa Great Places	Karla Organist advised the Council the Iowa Great Places Project will be presented to the legislature at the State Capitol in Des Moines on Friday, November 7 th to discuss what we need assistance with, both technically and financially. The Grant Writer position remains open, but the Main Street Office has received a list of potential names from the USDA to do a direct mail to. Organist also presented the Council with a letter asking for some funding from the Tax Increment Financing to assist with purchasing enough supplies to assist in weatherizing up to 20 homes before cold weather approaches us as part of the Iowa Great Places Residential Weatherization Project. Leroy Soppe has volunteered to assess the homes, and she has the volunteers ready to implement the processes they have learned through Black Hills Energy Workshop, they just need the supplies. A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott to supply \$1,000 from the TIF funds to purchase those supplies. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.

<p>South Pine Street Sanitary Sewer Resolution #2009-13</p>	<p>Games advised the South Pine Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project is now complete. After discussion on the project, a motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva to consider a resolution accepting the construction of the project as complete. Roll call: Ayes – Guenther, Dyke, Schott, Halva. Nays – Rue. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Approval Pay Estimate #3 to Leslie Lauer & Sons</p>	<p>After further discussion of the South Pine Sanitary Sewer Improvement costs and review of the pay estimate #3 from Leslie R. Lauer & Sons, Inc. a motion was made by Halva, seconded by Dyke to approve the \$1,597.69 retainage fee to be paid to complete the project. Roll call: Ayes – Guenther, Dyke, Halva. Nays – Schott, Rue. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Resolution #2009-14 setting a Public Hearing for the Proposed Resolution #2009- 14 Code of Ordinances</p>	<p>Games advised that one year ago the City entered into an agreement with Iowa Codification to update the “Code of Ordinances of the City of West Union”. A motion was made by Schott, seconded by Guenther adopting setting a public hearing for Monday, December 1st, 2008 at the City Council Meeting on the proposed adoption of the city code update. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
<p>Cemetery Update</p>	<p>Barry Kamm, Cemetery Sexton, advised the Council a 204 foot long x 4 foot high fence will be installed by Kevin Cline in November on the South west side of the cemetery. Also the large Maple tree on the northeast corner will be taken down by Thanksgiving. Part of the tree is dead and some of the limbs are hanging over the highway. Mausoleum still needs to be repaired and tuck-pointed, but funding just is not available for the project.</p>
<p>Re-appoint Marcy Alcorn to the Cemetery Board</p>	<p>A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Rue approving the re-appointment of Marcy Alcorn to the Cemetery Board with term ending January 2, 2014. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
<p>Re-appoint Bruce Fink to the Zoning Board of Adjustment</p>	<p>A motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke to re-appoint Bruce Fink to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, term ending January 1, 2014. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>
<p>10-Minute Parking at First National Bank</p>	<p>Jon Grimes of First National Bank approached the Council to discuss the request for two 10-minute parking spots in front of the First National Bank to aid in assisting the elderly, the Northeast Iowa Transit Van, and to help keep traffic moving. He has assessed the need over a period of time and believes this is a good fit for all the businesses around them also. He requested that we paint the 10-minute parking versus putting a sign there. After discussion, Schott made a motion to move the issue to the Street Committee of Rue and Schott to review and report back to the Council with their recommendation. Halva seconded the motion. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.</p>

Partnering with
Northeast Iowa
Community Action
on “Rent to Own”

Games advised a lot has been donated by West Union Industrial Development Corporation at 500 East Plum and the City has partnered with Northeast Iowa Community Action through the Local Housing Trust Fund to assist with construction of a low to moderate income home. They broke ground last week, with completion by May, 2009. Northeast Iowa Community Action would like to partner with the city for the lot at 410 South Pine to be purchased from Kirk Brusco for a second “Rent to Own” single family home to start construction in August, 2009. Purchase price is \$12,500, of which the City of West Union would contribute \$10,000 from TIF funds (which is required by law to use towards low to moderate income housing) and Community Action would contribute the other \$2,000. Community Action would take applications for the home and work with the family on a “rent to own” basis. Councilmember asked if our local contractors would be used for the project. Games advised it goes out for bid and all are welcome to bid on the project. A motion was made by Halva, seconded by Guenther to allocate the \$10,500 to the purchase of the lot, of which \$150 will be put down now to hold the lot until August 15, 2009 when all funding should be in place for the project. Roll call: Ayes – Guenther, Rue, Dyke, Halva. Abstained due to employment – Schott. Motion carried.

Next Council
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on November 17, 2008 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 Rue to adjourn. Roll call. All aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 P.M.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk