

Council Chambers, City Hall, November 16, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on November 16, 2009 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 – Councilmembers Guenther, Schott, Rue, Halva and Dyke. Absent –None
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Dyke, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2009 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.
Downtown Streetscape	Main Street Director, Robin Bostrom, provided Council with a spreadsheet of the funding sources and updates on the grants. Bostrom also explained the importance of our grant writer, Kathy Showalter, and the expertise she has provided for West Union through the grants she has written to date. Because of this, the West Union Chamber Board, along with the West Union Main Street Board presented a letter to partner with the City of West Union and match a \$5,000 donation to keep the grant writer on board, providing a total of \$10,000 towards more of her services.
Grant Writer Proposal	A motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to apply \$5,000 towards grant writer services, matching \$2,500 from West Union Chamber and \$2,500 from West Union Main Street, for a total of \$10,000. Roll call. Guenther, Dyke – No. Rue, Halva, Schott – Aye. Carried.
Adjusting City's Commitment on Streetscape	<p>Councilman, Troy Schott, addressed the Council with some concerns he has received from citizens in regards to the CAT grant we are applying for in that our 50% match has not been met, which would keep us from receiving this very important grant of \$8.9mm. Games advised as of 10/28/09, the gap was \$2.8mm, and the State has offered us an additional 45 days to close that gap. Some questions have been answered on that grant, and some missing documentation has been provided that should assist. Discussion provided that increasing the city's commitment from \$2mm to \$3mm does not bind us to pay all that, but would open the door to some more funding assistance. Jeff Clements added, "Look at the free money the grant writer has been able to get us so far. Why not reach out a little and get more of what is out there by showing our commitment? Games advised this would go against our bonding capacity. The State Revolving Loan is offered at 3% interest, which is less than a conventional bank at this time. Tobin Britt added "A conventional street project was estimated at \$4mm, and so far the city has only committed to half what that would cost us. If we don't take this help offered by the state and other agencies, we have to find the money to do the whole project alone. How are we going to afford that?" Karla Organist added, "The difference for a taxpayer on the city committing \$3mm over the \$2mm is only \$5 per month on a \$100,000 property.</p> <p>A motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue, to table the increase indefinitely. Schott asked that the motion be amended to discuss at the next regular council meeting. Guenther left motion as stated. Roll call. Schott, Halva – No. Dyke, Rue, Guenther – Aye. Carried.</p>
Cemetery Board Updates	Cemetery Sexton, Barry Kamm, approached the Council with updates on the cemetery. The July storm took 8 trees as well as branches and limbs of others; 4 trees have been replaced with a Trees Forever Grant. The statue at the office has been refurbished by funds from the Civil War Veterans. He purchased a new lawn & garden tractor this summer. The truck is starting to have mechanical problems, so that will need to be replaced soon. Council thanked him for the good job he does for the city.

Airport Commission Updates Airport Commission Chair, Jeff Miller, addressed the Council with updates on the airport. He also introduced new board member, Adam Keller, who replaces Randy Osmundson. The airport commission is working with Tekippe's on the 20-year plan for the airport, as required by IDOT & the FAA.

Re-appointment of Board Members Games advised the following board members have all agreed to serve another term on their respective boards:
 Tex Heyer – Cemetery Board, term ending 1-02-2015.
 Steve Roach – Planning & Zoning Commission, term ending 12-01-2014.
 Charles Broghammer – Zoning Board of Adjustment, term ending 1-01-2015.
 Verl Timm – Airport Commission, term ending 12-01-2015.

A motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Halva, to approve all re-appointments. All councilmembers agreed with one motion for all. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Annual Fire Meeting Roger Gamm, Fire Chief, approached the Council with information on the Fire Department. Actual number of fire calls was down over the last year, and over 2,000 hours were logged by the firemen between fire calls and training. The overhead doors have been replaced on the fire station, and the new truck is ready to go. The old pumper is for sale, but no calls have been received as of yet. The firemen received a \$2,000 grant for additional equipment, which they provided the match for with internal funds. Mike Moser retired after 36 years with the department, and Gamm complimented him on the service he provided. Games also offered the new city's pump as a source for the department to use if needed.

A motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Rue, to accept the Annual Fire Report as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Terminate Contract with North Fayette on Tennis Courts The North Fayette Schools have decided to take out the tennis courts located on their property due to the condition. A lease agreement was signed back in 1976, and then renewed in 1997, to partner with the Park and Rec Department for use and upkeep of the courts. In the minutes of the Park & Rec meeting dated 11-4-09, the board agreed to the removal of the courts due to the cost to repair, and the plans to put in new ones at the Rec Foundation.

A motion was made by Schott, seconded by Halva, to terminate the lease agreement between the City and North Fayette for the tennis courts. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Renewal of Class C Beer Permit for Moore's Motion was made by Rue, seconded by Dyke, to approve renewal of the Class C Beer Permit for Moore's Super Valu. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approval of October, 2009 City Financial Reports After review of the October, 2009 city financial reports, a motion was made by Halva, seconded by Schott to approve the October, 2009 city financial reports as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Carried.

Approval of November, 2009 Expenditures After discussion of the prewritten accounts payable and the accounts for approval totaling \$164,678.86, a motion was made by Schott, seconded by Rue, to approve the November, 2009 payment of expenditures as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

CLAIMS LIST

Post-October Council Meeting Claims

Rebecca Daniels, Diana Heisman, & Sally Hiber –Lot Buyback	\$ 180.00
Office of Auditor of State – Audit Filing Fee	175.00
Brian Dunt – Dental Claim	99.00
US Postmaster – Purchase Stamped Envelopes	753.60
IPERS – October Payment	5,445.88
Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank – Soc. Security/Federal	4,882.56

Presto-X-Company – Rodent Control	33.00
Phillips 66 – Fuel	494.77
Recorded Books – Library Book Purchases	202.60
Ridihalgh, Fuelling – Payment for Audit Fee	5,000.00
Rite Price – Office Supplies	200.32
Sadler Power Train – Supplies	34.36
Testamerica – Wastewater Testing	74.97
Tri-Lumber – Supplies	83.87
U.S. Cellular – Cell Phone Service	266.09
Usgaard & Smith – Chain Saw Parts	23.70
Webman – Police Web Updates	45.00
Waste Management – Garbage Service	16.47
West Union Motor Supply – Supplies & Parts	227.52
West Union Shell – Fuel	1,258.90
Abdo – Spotlight - Library Book Purchases	355.05
Auburn Sport Shop – Chain Sharpening	42.50
Carpenter Uniform Co. – Police Uniforms	325.01
Dennis McElree – Valve Float	437.70
Earl’s Locksmith – Downpayment on Door System at Library	7,206.50
Gareth Stevens – Library Books	231.75
Grainger - Air Compressor	383.75
Iowa Firemen’s Assoc. – Membership Dues	250.00
Leonard Larson – Labor on Airport Hangar	20.00
North American Salt – Salt	5,045.95
Rourke Publishing, LLC – Library Books	377.46
Smoke-Eater Publications – Membership Due	217.00
Ward Collision Service – Repair on Police Car	278.83
Wastecorp Pumps – Pump	420.02
Waterloo Tent & Tarp Co. – Replace Umbrellas from storm	<u>6,465.34</u>

Total \$70,447.48

GRAND TOTAL MANUAL & COMPUTER CHECKS \$232,166.08

FUND TOTALS

General Fund	\$ 56,500.48
Road Use Tax	20,488.89
TIF	1,300.00
Library T & A	7,206.50
Cemetery T & A	180.00
Trust & Agency Employee Benefits	12,084.85
Local Option	11,560.01
Street Improvements	28,523.81
Water Utility	13,539.32
Water FMHA Sinking	18,309.12
Sewer Utility	17,356.31
Payroll	<u>45,116.79</u>

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$232,166.08

RECAP OF OCTOBER RECEIPTS

General	\$205,370.40
Road Use Tax	24,683.02
Debt Service	4,593.92
Trust & Agency Cemetery	614.51
Trust & Agency Employee	44,846.18
Water Utility	45,219.02
Sewer Utility	51,390.35
Tax Increment Finance	28,224.73
Water Deposit	140.00
Street Improvement	16,448.88
LOC	11,559.99
Trust & Agency Library	841.54
Park Equipment	80.93
Payroll	<u>45,223.10</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 479,236.57

Special Council A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, to hear from financial consultants concerning financing options for capital projects.

Next Council Meeting The next regular council meeting will be held on December 7, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to hold the Public Hearing on proposed funding for a new fire truck.

Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Dyke, seconded by Guenther to adjourn. Roll call. All aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 P.M.

MERLIN DUNT, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk