

Council Chambers, City Hall, March 5, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on March 5, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Blietz, Gumm, Lauer, & Bemiss via teleconference Absent – None
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Blietz, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2012 regular council meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing FY2012-13 Budget	This was the date and time set to hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 City Budget. The City’s property tax levy will raise \$.23 to \$15.68 per thousand starting with September 2012 tax payments. After few questions and comments, motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Res. #2012-21 Adopting FY2012-13 City Budget	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Lauer, to adopt Resolution #2012-21, a resolution adopting the city budget for fiscal year 2012-13 as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Snow Plowing with Darryl Moss	Darryl Moss approached council regarding his street not getting plowed every time it snows. Street Superintendent, Rory Starks, advised that because of that road still being gravel, he does not plow when the road is not frozen or when there is less than 4 inches of snow as it will scrape the gravel off. Starks advised they have seal-coated it, but the seal-coat keeps breaking up. Jon Biederman of Tekippe Engineering advised putting blacktop would create potholes due to the soft base. To properly fix the road, the city would need to tile & asphalt the road. Biederman offered to get some quotes for the city to review. Moss advised he would not be against an assessment to his property to get this problem resolved. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to table the issue until we have quotes to discuss. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Payment to Upper Exploreland for Grant Administration	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Lauer, to approve payment of invoice #11 for \$2,002.50 for DOE grant administration. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. Motion was then made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm, to approve payment of invoice #20 for \$491.17 for DOE grant administration. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Tekippe Engineering	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Blietz, to approve payment to Tekippe Engineering for invoice #1 for \$2,562 for water tower paint project engineering on the west water tower. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. Motion was then made by Lauer, seconded by Guenther, to approve payment of invoice #16 for \$4,648 for Streetscape engineering. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2012-22 Approving Plans, Specs, & Bid For Geothermal Well Fields	Vagts advised the bids had some questions that needed clarification by Tekippe’s, IBC, and CDF before ready for approval. Those questions have been answered and are now in order and ready for approval. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Lauer, to approve Resolution 2012-22 as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2012-23 Awarding Contract for Geothermal Well	Biederman advised K2 Real Estate and Development was the lowest bid at \$1,455,985.47 for the base bid, plus alternate #1 & #4. This is covered by the grant funding, and references on the business have come back positive. This bid will provide a closed loop service with 132 wells

Fields	on the courthouse, but not the generator for the courthouse. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to approve the Resolution as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2012-24 Setting Public Hearing for CDBG Grant for Downtown Revitalization	Robin Bostrom advised council we have been approved to submit the full application for the façade grant for the 18 downtown businesses that have expressed interest. City would be the grant recipient and need to set city easements during the project. Upper Exploreland is assisting other towns on this right now, and could be the grant administrator. We would need a general contractor over the project, but our local contractors could be involved also. Property owners would need to fund the construction and then submit for reimbursement. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Blietz, to set the Public Hearing for March 19 th , 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at council chambers. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval to Proceed With Getting Specs & Bids for West Water Tower Painting	Biederman gave a brief history on the maintenance of the west water tower as well as the repairs that need to be done. He estimates the project around \$300,000. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Lauer, to proceed with preparing the specs and getting bids. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Adopt Ordinance 563, Floodplain Management Ord.	Vagts advised this ordinance has gone through the proper three readings required for passage. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Lauer, to adopt Ordinance 563 as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve February, 2012 Financials	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Blietz, to approve February, 2012 financials as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Council Time Change	Due to work conflicts for 3 of the councilmen in the spring season ahead, they requested moving the meeting time from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. After some discussion, Vagts advised he would put an ordinance together to present at the next meeting.
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held March 19, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
Adjourn	With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to adjourn. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
	Meeting adjourned 6:40 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy City Clerk