

Council Chambers, City Hall, December 21, 2015 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met December 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding. The meeting began with citing the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Council members Keller, Granger, Gumm, Bemiss, and Stansbery. Absent: City Attorney Jerem White
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Stansbery, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular meeting as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Annual Report from Main Street/Chamber	Bob Sadler, Main Street/Chamber President, gave an annual report of activities for 2015, as well as the action plan for 2016, and Thanked the City for their partnership with the organization. Main Street and Chamber have now combined, and Community Development will soon be coming under the same umbrella as well. He presented the Main Street/Chamber budget and requested a \$10,000 contribution from the City.
Approve Resolution 2016-20 A Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program presented by Ruroden for employees at least age 60 and 7 years of service with the City. All Aye. Carried. Interested employees have until January 22, 2016 to accept the severance package.
Continue Services With UERPC for Revolving Loan Fund	The contract with Upper Explorerland is up for renewal for the Revolving Loan Fund started with partnering funds from West Union Community Development. Gumm asked if we need to continue the services. Ruroden explained we have had applications, but have not administered any loans yet. She would like to continue their assistance until we fully understand the process. To date, we have only paid them \$1,071.11 on the loan fund. Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Keller, to approve signing a 1-year commitment with UERPC. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Cemetery Maintenance and Bids for Mowing	Street Superintendent, Rory Starks, presented costs for maintaining the Cemetery since July 1, 2015 totaling \$15,752.74. Councilman Stansbery thanked him for the numbers, and for the great job all the staff did this year. He would still like to see bids for outsourcing the mowing, to see if it is more economic. Tom Luhman offered his comments regarding the concern for damage to the stones, as he has seen with commercial mowers in other cemeteries. Our City staff takes pride in the “extras” like picking up limbs and garbage, and whatever it takes to keep the cemetery looking the best. Mayor Halverson added the cemetery is near and dear to many hearts, and wants to see that continue. Bemiss advised we still have maintenance to do on the buildings and property too; a commercial mowing bid would not cover that. Halverson requested Stansbery collect bids and submit for further discussion.
Discuss City Hall Improvements	Ruroden advised Council we need to start planning for improvements needed for the City Hall building, including the sidewalks and parking lot, the furnace, lights, and the windows. We have received numerous requests for City Hall to move back downtown; would this be a better option? Mayor Halverson advised this is just to get the conversation started and to start collecting numbers for budget purposes.
Approve Liquor Licenses	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to approve Liquor License renewal for Pizza Palace #BB0016470. All Aye. Carried.
Administer Oath Of Office	City Administrator Ruroden administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kent Halverson. Mayor Halverson then administered the Oath of Office for elected officials Cameron Granger, Kennon Gumm, and Andrew Smith. Halverson Thanked council member Cathy Bemiss for her 4 years of service, also commending her for waiving her payment of \$35 per meeting her entire term, allowing that money to stay in the budget.
Approve December	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve December

Expenditures expenditures totaling \$272,182.72 as presented. All Aye. Carried.

CLAIMS LIST:

A-1 Vacuum – Parts	\$ 47.90
Advanced Systems – Copy Leases	295.24
Advanced Systems – Texas	108.74
All Stop – Fuel	422.17
Allamakee-Clayton Elec. – Electric Service	3,977.10
Alliant Energy – Electric	7,561.22
Amazon/GE Money – Books	196.48
American Legion – Flag	40.00
Amie Johansen – Dental Claim	456.00
Appliance Plus – TIF Payment	2,245.52
Bankers Trust – GO Bond, Water Revenue Bond	49,832.50
Bauer Built – Tires	1,003.92
Baumler Imp. – TIF	12,924.58
Black Hills – Gas Service	1,286.43
Blue Cross & Blue Shield- Health Insurance	\$14,039.29
Bodensteiner – Parts	125.70
BP Express – Fuel	190.10
California Contractors – Blade	179.60
Carpenter Uniform – Uniforms	162.68
CenturyLink – Phone	790.83
Chief Supply – Supplies	440.94
Child Support – Wage Deduction	491.00
City Laundry – Shop Towels & Uniforms	329.91
City of Fayette – Garnishment	400.00
Cline’s – Fire Station Repair	3,850.00
Compass Minerals – Salt & Sand	4,455.20
Continental Research – Kutzit	193.88
Croell – Supplies	115.00
Data Tech – License	5,453.41
Dave Wilker – Coaching	50.00
E.F.T.P.S- Payroll Taxes	13,215.41
Earl’s Locksmith – Install	815.27
Ed Roehr – Battery	151.88
Electronic Engineering – Electronics	645.00
Fay. Co. Abstract – Report	100.00
Fay. Co. Auditor – Election, Geothermal	1,745.71
FCED – Qtrly Contribution	1,915.88
Fayette Co. Union – Publication Fees	300.83
Fayette Elec. – Repairs	46.50
Fehr Graham – Engineering	2,820.00
Friends of West Union Park & Rec – Transfer	48,212.23
Gage & Gage – Parts	23.45
Gale – Books	54.96
Garvin & Moser – TIF	6,161.72
Grainger – Cable Tie	55.10
Gundersen Clinic – Drug Tests	47.00
Hach – Chemicals	301.02
IA DNR – Certifications	98.00
IA Dept of Revenue – Payroll Deduction	300.00
Ingram – Books	801.32
Iowa Codification – Update Codes	2,600.00
Iowa Firefighters – Dues	351.00
Iowa Library Assoc – Dues	80.00
Iowa Prison – Street Signs	333.52
Iowa Rural Water Assoc – IRWA Dues	275.00
IPERS – IPERS Payment	8,032.55
Jill Clark – Dental Claim, Mileage	1,116.72
John Deere Credit Union – Supplies	580.74
Kaleidoscope Kids – Donation	3,000.00
Kathy Guyer – Dental Claim	669.45
Lahey Family Trust – TIF	1,142.25
Lee Barness – Dental, Vision	411.80
LeRoy Soppe – Airport, Fire	634.23
Lois Johansen – Fence Posts	50.00

Mark Schroyer – Coaching	50.00
Mastercard – Parts, Training	1,672.13
Mediacom – Internet	143.35
Mid-America Research – Descaler	109.41
Midwest Patch – Patch	1,433.60
Mike Foland – Ink	57.23
MPH Industries – Remote	261.18
NAPA – Parts	149.74
Ness Pumping – Restrooms	510.00
NF Fitness – TIF	74.88
Oelwein Register – Subscription	80.00
Quillin’s – Supplies	93.06
Rite Price – Office Supplies	697.95
Riverland Expressions – Mesh Tanks	371.70
Roger Gamm – Fire Salary	250.00
Rory Starks – Dental	13.65
Shield Tech – Record Mgmt	1,075.00
Sims TV – UPS, Labor	1,525.87
Spahn & Rose – Supplies	440.09
Speer – TIF Services	425.00
State Hygenic Lab – Testing	57.00
T&W Grinding – Brush Pile	3,000.00
Teamsters – Union Dues	44.00
Teresa Ruroden – Dental Claim	382.85
TestAmerica – Testing	92.82
Thompson – Door Springs	586.02
Tom Luhman –Firemen Compensation	390.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa – Sales Tax, State WH	4,074.96
Tyann Caspers – Coaching	50.00
Unionland – Lime	86.00
United Dairy – TIF	551.09
UnityPoint – Testing	37.00
Unum – Disab & Life Insurance	713.40
US Cell – Phones	579.56
U.S. Postal –Util Billing	574.65
USA BlueBook – Filters	111.71
Verizon – Phone Alarms	64.18
WU Chamber – Dues	300.00
WU District Energy – Geothermal	190.00
WU Hardware – Supplies	60.18
WU Motor Supply – Supplies	76.41
WU Motors – Repairs	12.96
WEX Bank – Fuel	731.78
Wu Dental – TIF	3,095.03
Zee Medical – First Aid	148.45
Total Payroll	<u>37,984.95</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 272,182.72

RECAP OF NOVEMBER RECEIPTS

General	\$ 154,094.68
Util Billing	<u>68,096.83</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 222,191.51

Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Keller, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy City Clerk