

Council Chambers, City Hall, March 2, 2015 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met March 2, 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, Stansbery, and Bemiss by Teleconference Absent: None
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Keller, to approve minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular meeting. All Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing on FY15-16 Budget Review Budgets	This is the time and place set for a Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for FY15-16 for the City of West Union. Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery. All Aye. Carried. Several questions were asked on the reason for the increase in property taxes, which is mainly due to decreased revenues from commercial rollbacks. Keller also explained the reason for the Airport funds, which is an FAA regulation change requiring a 10% match by the City. If we do not use it we forfeit future funding. Questions were also asked on decrease in library funds, and it was explained we need to find places to decrease expenditures and operate more efficiently to decrease the amount of staff on at a time. After some discussion, motion to close Public Hearing was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resol. 2015-28 Adopting FY15-16 Budget	Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Gumm, to approve the Budget as presented, with a \$15.03 tax levy. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Sidewalk Replacement Program	Jon Biederman advised Council the school is planning to make some changes on the entrance to the high school, and would be a good time to correct some sidewalk issues too. We have had some inquiries from churches and businesses also, to use the Sidewalk Replacement funds. Several council members expressed they really want to stay with getting the residential sidewalks fixed first. Keller suggested allowing 20% of the funds to be used towards schools/churches/commercial. After some discussion, motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Stansbery, to leave funding for residential only as originally set. All Aye. Carried.
Dept. Heads & Administrator Spending Limits	Ruroden advised Council she has not seen any documents calling out spending limits, but would like to see a set amount. Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to set limits as follows: \$750 Department Heads, \$5,000 City Administrator, and Fire will remain at \$1,500. All Aye. Carried.
Update DNR Permit For Wastewater Plant	Final permit was received today, and DNR reduced sampling requirements to what we requested. Should be a good fit for us to follow.
Next Council Meeting	Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.
Adjourn	With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk