

Council Chambers, City Hall, January 6th, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met January 6th, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Council members Gumm, Stansbery, Keller, Granger, and Bemiss-via teleconference Absent: None
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Granger, to approve minutes of the December 30th, 2013 special meeting. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Pit Bull Ordinance with Lynnette Pruitt-Sargent	Lynnette Pruitt-Sargent approached council with request not to remove her English Staffordshire Bull Terrier from their home as the Police have advised. Current Pit Bull Ordinance does not allow any of the breed to be within City Limits. After much discussion, a motion was made by Keller, seconded by Stansbery, to uphold the current ordinance and remove the dog within 72 hours, but hold a future meeting with proof of 100% DNA testing on the dog, to discuss the ordinance further. All Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing on Vacating Property On N. Pine Street	This is the time and place set to hold a Public Hearing on vacating all the east and west alley in block 10, from the west line of North Pine Street, west to the east line of the alley that runs north and south in said block 10, (said parcel lies between lots 1, 2, and 3 on the north side of the alley and lots 12, 13, and 14 on the south side of the alley). After no comments were received, motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery. All Aye. Carried.
Consider Approval Vacated Alley	LeRoy Soppe offered a comment that we should check with Black Hills and other utilities to verify the easement covers those utilities also before approving the sale of the vacated property. Biederman will contact the utility companies to verify. Motion to table and do the locate of utilities was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, with Buyers to buy “as is” with no survey if they are not within the easement area. All Aye. Carried.
Annual Fire Report	Police Chief Roger Gamm gave the Annual Fire Report stating they had 11 city fires, 10 rural fires, 4 mutual aid calls, 4 Jaws calls, 4 Haz-Mat calls, and 3 rescue calls, as well as education classes, maintenance and practice nights. Current roster is 29 Firefighters. This is the final year to pay on the fire truck. Breathing apparatus will need to be replaced soon. And footings on the building need to be repaired. Motion to approve the report and election of officers was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller. Auburn and Union were not present, Rest – Aye. Carried.
Main Street Business Innovation Challenge Grant	Main Street Director Robin Bostrom advised Council this is a grant they would like to pair with West Union Community Development to assist with marketing the sixteen sites designated in the downtown Main Street district. Both groups will contribute up to \$5,000, and ask the City to endorse the program and contribute financially if possible. Max award is \$20,000 and would be a dollar for dollar match. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve a letter of intent to support the program. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss TRWMA Meeting	Jon Biederman advised of an upcoming community meeting for the Turkey River Watershed to be held at Freedom Bank in Postville on January 16 th , 2014 at 6:00 p.m. West Union has received a lot of attention with the recent Streetscape project, and Jon, as our rep, would like to see council attend the meeting.
Approve Alarm for The Water Plant	Water/Sewer Superintendent’s Mike Moser and Scott Johansen discussed problems they are currently having with the alarm system at the water plant coming through Mediacom and the phone line. They have found a service Verizon offers to correct the problem. Cost for the CellVoice16 would be \$2,745, and installation and programming would be up to \$3,000. Monthly

fee would run \$50-70. Motion to approve as presented was made by Bemiss, seconded by Granger. All Aye. Carried.

- Discuss Geothermal Contract Dick Woodard spoke on behalf of the West Union LLC group advising they have purchased a set of valve wrenches for the geothermal system, but would like to discuss a rate in case of emergency to contract with the City workers if needed. Also, the contract states that Fayette County should be billing us for the geothermal meter amount, the City reimburse them, and then bill the LLC for average cost + 1% administration fee. Scott Johansen will begin reading the meter at the courthouse. Amie will call Lori Moellers to check on their billing to us and set up billing to the LLC.
- Approve Payment To UERPC Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Granger, to approve payment of \$652.46 on Invoice #37 to Upper Exploreland for CDBG Grant Administration. All Aye. Carried.
- Approve Quillins Liquor License Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve Liquor License for Quillins Quality Foods for a Class E Liquor with Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday sales. All Aye. Carried.
- Approve All Stop Liquor Renewal Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve Liquor License Renewal BC0027896 for All Stop. All Aye. Carried.
- Discuss City Administrator Vacancy After some discussion, motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to bring in an interim as soon as possible and start advertising to fill the City Administrator vacancy. All Aye. Carried.
- Next Council Meeting Next council meeting will be held Monday, January 20th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for our Regular Council meeting.
- Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to adjourn. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk