

Council Chambers, City Hall, December 2nd, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met December 2nd, 2013 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 Lauer, Guenther, Gumm, Granger and Bemiss-via teleconference Absent: City Attorney Jerem White
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Lauer, to approve the agenda with a change to omit #1 & #2 on agenda item #13 due to the paperwork not complete for the renewals. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve minutes of the November 18th, 2013 regular meeting. All Aye. Carried.
Update from Peggy Murray, Iowa Works Of Northeast Iowa	Peggy Murray addressed council on a new program the Governor has rolled out called “Skilled Iowa Initiative” to increase the number of skilled workers in the area. She requested the City provide a letter of support for our community to be involved. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Lauer, to approve the Letter of Support. All Aye
Discuss Rebuilding Beef Barn at Fair Grounds	Brad Niewoehner and John Francis asked for council approval to rebuild the beef barn in the same location on the Fayette County Fairgrounds at the same 32’ x 275’ size. Vagts advised in order to consider, they would need to bring their plans in and then meet with Board of Adjustment to discuss. Vagts will set up that meeting and post.
Discuss Library Building Project	Blake Brown and Bill Moellering presented Council with an architect drawing for the proposed build out in the basement of the library to add classrooms and a meeting room to fit as many as 100 people. After much discussion, council asked that the Library Board meet with Planning & Zoning to discuss how to meet parking requirements. Vagts will work with Lynn Kelck to set that meeting date. Gumm also asked they look into natural gas over geothermal to get the most efficient heat.
Approve Payments To Fehr-Graham	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve the following invoices for Fehr-Graham: #57379 for \$5226.25 for smoke testing, #57380 for \$57.25 for GIS-Base map, #57381 for \$383.50 for GIS Water Distribution map, #57382 for \$371 for GIS Sanitary Sewer map, and #57383 for \$2100 for GIS Storm Sewer map. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Upper Exploreland	Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Bemiss, to approve invoice #3 for \$1232.96 for WIRB grant administration, and invoice #36 for \$597.11 for CDBG grant administration for Upper Exploreland. All Aye. Carried.
Oath of Office-Benjamin Baskerville	Police Chief Brent Parker administered the Oath of Office for new police officer, Benjamin Baskerville.
Approve Hiring Michael Tobin as Full Time Officer	Police Chief Brent Parker recommended council hire Michael Tobin as a full-time police officer. Tobin will need to go through the academy after the first of the year. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Guenther, to approve the hire as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve FY2013 Urban Renewal Report	Vagts advised this is a new report the State requires to certify TIF. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Top Hat Liquor License	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm, to approve liquor license LC0009787 adding Sunday Sales. Guenther abstained; Rest Aye. Carried.
Approve November 2013 Financials	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve November 2013 Financials as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	Next council meeting will be held Monday, December 16th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk