

Council Chambers, City Hall, May 6th, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on May 6th, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Lauer, Gumm, Granger, and Bemiss Absent – Guenther
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Granger, to approve the minutes of the April 15th, 2013 regular meeting. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payments For Street Grand Opening	An itemized list of costs for the Street Grand Opening totaling \$2,406.50 was presented to council. After donated items, total cost to the City will be \$1,501.50. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,600. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Extension To Blazek Corp.	Gene Blazek advised with the weather we have had, his plan to start the season April 1 st was pushed back to April 20 th . He is asking for an extension to June 6 th for substantial completion. Gumm advised an extension has already been granted in good faith that the project would meet that date, and even in good weather, he did not see work being done on the weekends which would have gained some time. Blazek agreed, but advised he has tried to be as accommodating to all businesses throughout the project, and it has been a tough project. Council agreed, and thanked him for that. Motion was then made by Lauer, seconded by Granger, to grant the extension. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Upper Exploreland	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve payment to Upper Exploreland for invoice #2 for \$8,250.00 for WIRB grant administration, and invoice #29 for \$129.06 for CDBG grant administration as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Alliant to Provide Electrical To Geothermal Pump House	Jon Biederman of Tekippe Engineering advised this was quoted separately by IBC, and a new Alliant employee is in the position, which is the reason for the increase to \$21,889.53. K2 needs this part complete before they can finish their contract. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Sidewalk In front of Villont's Law Office	Biederman advised the sidewalk needs to be replaced, and one part is the project extended, another portion is Black Hills responsibility, and the balance could be shared with the owner. It makes sense to repair all at the same time. Cost is approximately \$1,000. Vagts will go speak with Villont on the issue. Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm, to table the issue until more conversation takes place. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Pole Survey	Rory Starks, Street Superintendent, prepared a list of the utility poles in town that need attention. Alliant has been working on some this week. Council would like Vagts to send letters to Alliant, CenturyLink, and Mediacom, to address within 45 days. If no action, they would like the next letter to go to the Iowa Utility Board for action.
Discuss Black Hills & Alliant Franchise Fees	Vagts prepared estimates of what the Franchise Fees could bring to the City and advised council if interested, we need to get Revenue Statements prepared for the June Public Hearing. After much discussion on using for a sidewalk program, Mayor Kent Halverson asked for a committee to be formed to work on the specifics. Bemiss and Gumm volunteered to work with Vagts to put a plan together and bring back to council. Vagts will have Black Hills and Alliant start the Revenue Statements.
Set Public Hearing For Budget Amendment	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm, to set the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment for May 20 th , 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Budget Amendment consists of an increase in Revenues of \$21,040, and an increase in Expenses of \$98,086, for a net decrease of \$77,046 in Fund Balance on June 30 th , 2013 to \$1,980,534. All Aye. Carried.

Approve Purchase of John Bean Sewer Jet Machine	This is an approved budget item, but would like approval to get on order now with Trans Iowa Equipment. Billing will not hit until July. Total cost is \$64,000, less trade-in of \$4,500, for net cost of \$59,500. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Ordinance 574, Amending Parking Violation Fees	Police Sargent Brent Parker advised Council the current fees in this ordinance do not take into consideration the cost for the officer or the cost for the City Attorney to represent the City on infractions. Research into other towns' fees were much higher. Motion to approve the First Reading as presented was made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm. All Aye. Carried. Motion was then made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to waive the 2 nd and 3 rd Readings. All Aye. Carried. Motion to adopt Ordinance 574 as presented, was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Cemetery To Use Invested Funds for Improvements	Barry Kamm, Cemetery Sexton, advised Council they have moved about 200 tons of crushed rock into the cemetery to repair some of the roads. A cd for \$10,217 is coming due, which was earmarked for additional land purchase years ago. The cemetery board would like to reallocate the funds to do some much needed repairs and add a restroom in the mausoleum, and then reinvest the balance back in to a cd. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve as requested. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Debt Service Payments	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Granger, to approve Debt Service payments as follows: \$191,793.75 for General Obligation bond, \$13,300.99 for Fire Truck payment, and \$68,525 for Water Revenue bond from the water fund. All Aye. Carried.
Approve TIF Payment to Gundersen Clinic	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Lauer, to approve the annual TIF Payment to Gundersen Clinic for \$9,219.84 as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve April Financials	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the April financials as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held May 20th, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
Adjourn	With no further business to bring before the Council, motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk