

Council Chambers, City Hall, May 7, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on May 7, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Bemiss, Gumm, Blietz Absent – Lauer
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Master Gardeners to Landscape Sunset Park	Master Gardeners Marlys Fink, Jayne Bouska, Molly Patrick, and Nancy Davies advised council they would like to put a berm in Sunset Park and plant some trees and bushes to update the park. They asked if there would be any funds the city could offer to purchase the trees. Vagts advised he would check and advise them. Bemiss also suggested they use some of the old city bricks. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the landscaping project. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Fire Dept. Railing	City Mayor Kent Halverson started discussion on the fire department rail due to comments received from the public. The vertical spindles are at a 3 degree slant and the rail is not flush to the building. Jon Biederman of Tekippe Engineering advised the rail is there to deter “jumping” the ramp. It is structurally sound, and was not made to fit flush to the building. Dennis McElree advised he would remanufacture the rail if that is what the city wants. Cost to do that is about \$800. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to accept the railing as it is. Roll call. Gumm abstained; Rest Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution #2012-34 Setting Salaries for 2012-13	After lengthy discussion on the salary recommendations, a motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Blietz, to approve the resolution for salaries as presented. Roll call. Gumm-No; Rest-Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2012-35 Approving Bad Debt Writeoff	After several attempts to collect past due water bills from tenants that have left town, a total of \$3,730.95 was requested to move to do Bad Debt. The amounts still stay on the system, but will not keep sending a bill. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss to approve the bad debt writeoff as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2012-36 28E Agreement with Turkey River Water-Shed Management	Jon Biederman has been representing the City of West Union in the Turkey River Watershed Management meetings, and presented a rough draft of a 28E Agreement to review. City Attorney Jerem White has also reviewed the agreement and sees no concerns. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to table the item until the final draft is presented to us. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2012-37 Hiring Police Officer Thomas Stewart	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Blietz, to approve resolution 2012-37, approving the hiring of new police officer Thomas Stewart from West Branch at a salary of \$15.80/hour effective May 21, 2012. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment on General Obligation Bond & Water Revenue Bond	Vagts advised the June Invoice for the Water Revenue Bond payment is \$69,256.25, and for the General Obligation portion \$192,293.75, plus a \$75 Administration Fee, for a total payment of \$261,625. Money is in Debt Service Fund. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve payment as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payments To Tekippe	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Blietz, to approve payment of invoice #18 for \$9,960 for Streetscape engineering to Tekippe as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

	Motion was then made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve payment of invoice #1 for \$4,910 for Geothermal Well Field Engineering as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payments To Upper Exploreland	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Blietz, to approve payment of invoice #13 to Upper Exploreland for \$1,140 for administering the DOE grant. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
	Motion was then made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve payment of invoice #21 for \$320.68 for CDBG grant administration. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Terracon Consultants	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Gumm, to approve invoice #T302006 for \$831 for vibration monitoring on the streetscape project. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to K2 for Geothermal Well Field Construction	Biederman advised there are 21 of the 130 wells completed. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to approve partial pay estimate #1 for \$62,772.25 to K2 Construction for Geothermal Well Field construction. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval Payment To Tekippe for Armour Street	Granger is forming the curb and then ready to pour concrete, tops to be in next week, and then will need to seed the grass, which is on schedule. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve payment of invoice #2 for \$1,011.80 to Tekippe for Armour Street engineering as presented. Roll Call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Granger	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to approve pay estimate #2 for \$8,256.03 to Granger for Armour Street drainage project as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 566 Amending Water & Sewer Rates	Vagts suggested a 3% increase in the water/sewer rates through 2018 to continue with the upkeep that we have now started to do on the equipment. After much discussion, motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Guenther, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 566. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Ordinance 567 –Parks & Rec Director & Board	Vagts would like to change he Park & Rec Director from reporting to the Board, to reporting directly to him. He would also like to see the Park & Rec Director as the Chair of the Park & Rec Board. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Gumm, to approve the change as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. Motion was then made by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to waive the 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. Motion was followed by Blietz, seconded by Guenther, to waive the 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried. Motion to adopt was made by Gumm, seconded by Guenther. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Code of Ordinance-Load & Weight Restrictions	Bemiss asked for clarification and review of delivery trucks in the downtown area and weight limits. City Attorney White advised the deliveries are covered in the ordinance. Chief Jim Davies replied that he has not had any issues with overweight trucks downtown. No action needed.
Approve “Children At Play” Signs on Lincoln Drive	Jerem White presented a safety issue with children playing on Lincoln Court and crossing Lincoln Drive with the speeds of some cars using this street as access to the high school. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to post “Children at Play” signs going east & west, and also make sure there are 25mph speed limit signs on Lincoln Drive. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Renewal Of R’s Red Heart Liquor License	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Blietz, to approve renewal of R’s Liquor License BB0029391 with Sunday privileges. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Set Public Hearing For Budget	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Blietz, to set the Public Hearing for the 2011-12 Budget Amendment for May 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City

Amendment Hall. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approve April Financials Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the April, 2012 financials as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting The next regular meeting will be held May 21, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk