

Council Chambers, City Hall, January 4, 2016 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met January 4, 2016 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, Smith, and Gumm.
Absent: Stansbery
- 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 Granger, seconded by Gumm, to approve minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular meeting as presented. All Aye. Carried.
- Annual West Union District Energy LLC Dick Woodard gave the annual report for the geothermal system which is in the 3rd year of operation, and basically no problems at all. Nine businesses are connected, and feel the system is very comfortable. They are offering a \$2,000 rebate to the first hookup that adds on to the system in 2016.
- Annual Library Report Library Director Jill Clark gave the annual Library report, advising 41,000 visitors have used the Library; 42,000 items have been checked out; and 2,363 people attended 105 programs they offered. They currently have one full-time staff, 5 part-time, and 62 volunteers. They are also upgrading to LED lights.
- Annual Fire Report Fire Chief Roger Gamm gave the annual Fire Department report, reporting 52 calls for 687 hours, of which 12 calls were fires. They had 1,349 hours of training(648 hours are mandated), and all 27 firefighters are FFI and FFII certified. Received a FEMA grant for SCBA equipment totaling \$100,000, of which \$10,000 match was paid for by the pancake supper funds. Received a 50/50 DNR grant for \$4,200 for fire coats, equipment and supplies. Gamm requested \$400,000 in the next budget to purchase a new truck, and is also interested in purchasing the Water/Sewer ¾ ton truck for another brush buggy.
- Approve Elections & Membership List For Fire Dept. Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Keller, to approve the 27 Members of the West Union Fire Department, and elected officers for 2016. Gumm abstained, Smith-Aye, Granger-Aye, Keller-Aye. Carried.
- Approve Council Committees Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve the Council Committee Appointments for 2016-2017. All Aye. Carried.
- Discuss Bids for Cemetery Mowing Mayor Kent Halverson advised there was some confusion from the last meeting as to whether we should take bids for mowing the cemetery. Granger made a motion to approve getting bids, Smith seconded. Gumm-No, Keller-No, Granger-Yes,Smith-Yes. Due to the tie, more discussion took place. Per Granger, it does not cost anything to take bids, so let's look at it. In fairness to Stansbery's absence, Halverson asked we discuss at next meeting. Rory Starks and Teresa Ruroden will put together bid specifications.
- Approve Liquor Licenses Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve liquor licenses for Dollar General #7653, BC0029852, and All Stop, BC0027896. All Aye. Carried.
- Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.
- Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Keller, seconded by Granger, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk