

Council Chambers, City Hall, September 17th, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met September 17th, 2012 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, Blietz, Gumm and Bemiss. Absent: Guenther and City Attorney Jerem White
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to approve minutes of the September 4th, 2012 regular meeting. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Purchase of Holiday Decorations	Jon Biederman advised he is working with Dekra-Lite on the mounting brackets for the proposed holiday lights. They have offered a corporate discount of \$4,752.50 if ordered soon. Gumm advised he would like to see the same ones ordered for the 2 tall poles at Lilac Plaza, Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Lauer, to approve up to \$17,000 towards the purchase of the lights as discussed. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Change to 2-Way Stop at Elm & Walnut Street	Discussion of the new 4-way stop at Elm & Walnut with concerns of the westbound traffic getting stuck in the winter months led to a motion by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to change back to a 2-way and remove the 2 stop signs on Elm for east/westbound traffic. Roll call. Lauer, Bemiss, and Gumm-Aye. Blietz-No. Carried.
Update on ADA Requirments at the Aquatic Center	Park & Rec Director, Kathy Guyer, advised council the handicap lift for the pool is in and will be installed next spring, thus making us compliant to the new ADA requirments. No further action required.
Update on Gus' Townhouse	Gus Kapnisis advised he has been working with an asbestos removal company out of Dubuque, and they should be here in 2-3 more weeks. He is waiting for bids on teardown of the building yet, and still working with the insurance also. He is not sure yet what his future plans will be. Joint building owner, Ray Steffens, advised he has gutted his building, framed up the walls, and had plumbers in. In 2-3 weeks he could be ready to insulate, and has a concern of the building removal & how it will affect his building at that time due to the joint wall and floor joists. No further action by the council is needed at this time.
Approve Gardner Architecture as Design Firm for Façade Master Plan	Chelsea Welsh of Upper Exploreland advised council that 5 bid packages were received and reviewed for the Façade Master Plan architectural services. The recommendation would be to hire Gardner Architecture out of Strawberry Point, IA. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Gumm, to approve the recommendation as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To K2 for Geothermal Wells	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm to approve partial pay #6 to K2 for \$31,059 for Geothermal Well Field construction. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to Tekippe Engineering	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Blietz to approve payment of invoice #23 for \$49,800 for Streetscape engineering, and invoice #6 for \$11,293 for Geothermal Well Field engineering as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried. Randy Petsche asked what is planned for operating the geothermal system. Council advised an LLC of the business owners is being discussed to contract with a 3rd party to operate the system. This would not be a city utility initially, but could be discussed in the future.
Discuss Nuisance Abatements	Councilmember Cathy Bemiss attended a workshop on nuisances as a Municipal infraction, running through the Clerk of Court as a civil offense of our City Ordinances. Fayette even runs their speeding tickets through that, which does not go on your record and the funds come back to the city. The offense can go on the criminal side and be taken to court if appealing. This could be the 2 <sup>nd</sup> step of our current Nuisance Abatement

process. Due to the city attorney absent, a motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Blietz, to table until the second meeting in October in order to have time to research. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Approve August, 2012 Financials & September, 2012 Expenditures  
 Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Blietz, to approve the August, 2012 Financials as presented, and the September, 2012 Expenditures totaling \$1,122,882.87 as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

CLAIMS LIST:

ACCO – Pool Chemicals	\$ 523.80
Advanced Systems – Maintenance Contract	\$ 36.06
Advanced – Texas – Canon Copier	108.74
Advantage Companies – Filming & Digitization	11,940.00
Alco – Supplies	61.14
Allamakee-Clayton Electric – Electric Service	4,422.06
Alliant Energy – Electric Service	10,472.00
Amazon/GE Money – Library Books	140.03
Amie Johansen – Dental Claim	173.00
Assurant Employee Benefits – Disab & Life Insurance	594.36
Baumler Impl – Parts	81.82
Black Hills – Gas Service	2,712.41
Blazek – Streetscape	615,237.38
Blue Cross & Blue Shield –Health Insurance	15,732.26
Brent Parker – Dental Claim	232.00
Bunn’s – Garbage Service	50.00
CenturyLink – Phone	783.37
City Laundry – Shop Towels & Uniforms	270.85
Cline’s – Backhoe, Loader, Pump	590.00
Coast to Coast – Supplies	73.72
Daily Register – 1-year Subscription	149.00
EFTPS – Fed/FICA Taxes	11,031.12
Elwood, O’Donohoe, Braun & White – Legal Services	597.50
Family Fun – Subscription	14.95
Fay. Co. Clerk of Court – Court Costs	76.00
Fay. Co. Econ. Develop – Hotel/Motel Tax	715.88
Fay. Co. Emergency – Fees	5,197.50
Fay. Co. Recorder – Ordinances	22.00
Fay. Co. Treasurer – ½ year Property Taxes	4,130.00
Fayette Co. Union – Publication Fees	207.53
First National Bank – Pymt on Aquatic Center	12,572.02
Galls – Uniform Supplies	158.98
Gazette – Subscription	168.95
Hach Co. – Chemicals	86.33
Hansmeier Truck & Trailers – Repairs	132.72
Haven Electronics – Shipping Charges	21.96
Hawkins – Cylinders	235.00
Ignacio Fuentes – Coaching Soccer	100.00
IMFOA – Fall Conference	100.00
Ingram – Library Books	417.60
Iowa Park & Rec Assoc – Conference	240.00
Iowa Soccer Assoc – Membership	50.00
IPERS – IPERS Payment	7,495.00
Jay’s Automotive – Repairs	166.95
Jill Clark – Mileage	66.60
John Deere Credit Union – Norby’s Receipts	395.15
K2 Construction – Geothermal Wells	299,773.64
Keltek – Camera	51.00
Kirkwood – Training	470.00
Lane Johansen – Dental Claim	79.00
LeRoy Soppe – Salary	125.00
Loomis Plumbing & Heating – Heater	597.60
Main Street West Union – 2012-2013 Pledge	6,250.00
Martin Brothers – Towels	90.54
Mat Side Moms – Tourney Ad	10.00
Mediacom –Internet	135.85
Meyer’s Custom Chevy – Tires	250.00

Midwest Breathing – Air Test	125.25
Mike’s Co & Tire – Tires	376.84
Moore’s – Supplies	94.53
NAPA – Supplies	614.01
NF School – Yearbook	50.00
Northern Ag – Roundup	37.75
Reggie Gross – Airport Manager	494.40
Rite Price – Office Supplies	500.65
Roger Gamm – Salary	250.00
Spahn & Rose – Supplies	428.95
State Hygenic Lab – Testing	51.00
Teamsters – Union Dues	40.00
Tekippe – Engineering	46,248.00
Terracon – Soil Testing/Vibration Monitoring	886.00
Testamerica – Wastewater Testing	74.97
Tom Luhman – Salary & Firemen Compensation	674.00
Trans Iowa Equip – Parts	619.82
Treasurer, State of Iowa – Sales Tax, State WH	4,371.92
University Subscription – Magazine Subscription	81.43
Upper Exploreland –Grant Admin.	2,534.08
U.S. Cellular – Cell Phone Service	262.38
U.S. Postmaster – Aug. Billing	327.68
USA Bluebook – Supplies	170.85
Utility Equip – Parts	501.14
Walvatne Electric – Repairs	212.50
West Union Chamber – Hotel/Motel Taxes	1,714.09
West Union Comm Develop - Hotel/Motel Taxes	2,960.27
West Union Motor Supply – Oil	47.03
WU Motors – Repairs	145.14
West Union Shell – Fuel	1,846.50
Wilbur Ford – Repairs	26.75
Total Payroll	<u>39,498.57</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 1,122,882.87

RECAP OF JULY RECEIPTS

General	\$ 238,907.32
Util Billing	<u>64,401.66</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 303,308.98

Next Council Meeting      Next council meeting will be held Monday, October 1st, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers due to the holiday.

Adjourn      With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Lauer, to adjourn. Roll call. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk