

Council Chambers, City Hall, September 4th, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on September 4th, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. In the Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Guenther, Bemiss, Gumm, Blietz, and Lauer Absent – None
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Gumm, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Guenther, to approve the minutes of the August 20th, 2012 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Change In Life/Long-Term Disability Insurance	City Administrator Bob Vagts requested new quotes from Benefit Solutions with regards to the Life/Long Term Disability Insurance provided to the employees. Brian, Representative for Benefit Solutions, provided input and answered questions. We are currently paying \$594.34 per month for the 15 employees eligible. After discussion, Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to change from 25k to 50k with Unum at a rate of \$336.55 good for 2 years. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Handicap Parking Space by Abernathy's	In response to a request from Abernathy Chiropractic customers for a parking spot designated for persons with disabilities, a Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Lauer, to approve as requested. Rory will paint the stencil on as soon as he can. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Blazek's Contract for the Streetscape	Vagts reminded council that the Streetscape Project is a "Test Pilot Project", and we have encountered some difficulties with all the coal vaults and special processes we are attempting. In a recent meeting with Blazek, they discussed the reality of the project not being finished if winter comes sooner than last year. Vagts and Biederman presented Blazek with a letter stating an extension to May 10 th , 2013 for Substantial Completion, and July 1, 2013 for Final Completion of the project. Vagts has confirmed with the grant sources they will accept that change also. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to modify the completion dates as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Blazek	Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to approve payment to Blazek for partial pay estimate #19 for \$426,192.06 for Streetscape construction, and change order #17 for \$3,644.73 and #18 for (\$5,756) which removed the Glycol from Blazek's contract and correctly moved it over to the Geothermal contract. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to K2 for Geothermal Well Fields	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve pay estimate #5 to K2 Construction for \$94,617.65 for Geothermal Well Field construction as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to Upper Exploreland	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Blietz, to approve payment to Upper Exploreland for invoice #17 for \$2,280 for DOE grant administration, and invoice #25 for \$254.08 for CDBG grant administration. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss Acquisition Of Property at 112 S Walnut St.	Crystal Distribution has purchased all the H&H Foodservice properties, and has contacted Vagts with an offer to gift the property at 112 S Walnut Street to the city to be used as a public parking lot, in exchange for the City tearing down 2 of their buildings on Linden Street. Crystal Distribution has received a quote for asbestos removal on one of the properties for \$1,375, and the contractor would honor that price to the City also. Fayette County Economic Development coordinator, Bill Ziegler, added the City may be eligible for funds to assist with cleanup through the DNR. Water Superintendent, Mike Moser, advised there would be 4 water & 3 sewer connections to disconnect before demolition. Vagts advised there are lots of loose ends to discuss, but is the council interested in the

property at all? All council advised they would like more information. Vagts will research and update at next meeting.

Approve Hotel/
Motel Tax to
November Election

Vagts advised Hotel/Motel tax is received quarterly, and currently the rate is split 50% to offset Park & Rec Programs, \$715.88 to Fayette County Economic Development, \$2500 to West Union Community Development, \$250 to Budget Reduction, and the balance, if any, to the West Union Chamber for tourism activities. The effective date would be July 1st, 2014-June 30th, 2019, if approved on the November 6, 2012 election ballot. Vagts recommended we move the \$250 of Budget Reduction to assist the West Union Chamber in all the assistance they give to the City. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve as current with the change of the \$250 per quarter to go to West Union Chamber as suggested. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Discuss Holiday
Light Decorations

Currently have \$12,595.24 to go towards new holiday light pole decorations, which is about \$5400 short to start with the 38 tall poles. The 52 short poles could be addressed later. Main Street Design committee recommends purchasing LED lights that are poinsettas and shooting stars for the 38 tall poles at a total cost of \$18,022. Jon Biederman advised checking references on the company before proceeding. Rory Starks asked that they verify the brackets will be included too. After discussion, a Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Lauer, to table the issue until the next meeting to collect more information. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approve Change in
Cell Phone Plan

Vagts advised with the amount of cell phone usage, we have been going over our minutes for the last 3 months. Our current coverage is \$228.84 plus taxes and includes 1200 minutes. Haven Electronics has proposed changing to the next plan which is the National 300 at \$310.94 plus taxes. With that, we would have no contract, add 600 Belief points monthly, and they would offer a 3-5% discount if paid online. After some discussion, motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Gumm, to approve the change. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approve Liquor
License Renewal
For Lilac Lanes

Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Guenther, to approve the liquor license renewal for Lilac Lanes, license #LC0035647, with Sunday sales and outdoor privileges. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Next Council
in Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held September 17th, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. the Council Chambers.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk