

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

The West Union City Council met on August 6th, 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 Guenther, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Lauer, to approve the minutes of the July 16th, 2012 regular meeting. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Hiring Library Aides	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Guenther, to approve the hiring of April Singewald, Pam O’Hare, and Jill Row at \$8.50/hour to fill the vacancies left by Dan Pischke and Holly Humpal as Library Aides. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Discuss City of West Union Personnel Manual	Councilmember, Cathy Bemiss, asked for clarification to City Attorney Jerem White as to whether we can assign employees to a different department as needed to better use our labor resource. White responded yes. Another question was if the manual is binding even if an employee has not signed acknowledgement of the receipt of the manual. White responded yes, as council has already adopted the new manual.
Resolution 2013-04 A Contract With IED for the Downtown Revitalization Façade Grant	This is to receive Grant #12-DTR-012 from Iowa Economic Development for \$500,000 to be used to revitalize the facades of up to 21 downtown businesses. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to approve receipt of the grant as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2013-05 A Contract With Upper Exploreland	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Blietz, to approve Resolution 2013-05, a contract with Upper Exploreland Regional Planning Commission to administer the CDBG Façade Grant #12-DTR-012 for \$25,000. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2013-06 Approving Local Option Sales Tax to the November Election	Vagts advised the only difference from previous language, is paying off the Aquatic Center note first, which should not take more than six months, before switching to the new breakdown. After hearing from Roger Gamm, Fire Chief, as well as other citizens, the council discussed and changed percentages to: 10% to property tax relief, 10% to police, 40% to fire, and 40% to street improvements. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Lauer, to approve as presented with the above changes to the percentages. Roll call. Bemiss – No; Gumm – No; Rest – Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2013-07 Approving Hotel/Motel Tax to November Election	Vagts advised this is the same rate, and split 50/50 with Recreational Programs and Economic Development as it has been in the past. The effective date would be July 1 st , 2014-June 30 th , 2019, if approved on the November 6, 2012 election ballot. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Blietz, to approve as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2013-08 Hiring of Troy Streif	Scott Johansen, Sewer Superintendent, introduced to council with a recommendation to hire Troy Streif to fill the vacancy left by Doug Harris in April, 2012. After much debate, motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Guenther, to approve the resolution as presented. Blietz – No; Lauer – Yes; Guenther – Yes; Gumm – No; Bemiss – No. Motion did not carry.
Resolution 2013-09 Approving the City Street Financial Report	Vagts advised this is standard procedure, and needs to be reported by September 30, 2012. Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Gumm, to approve as presented. Roll Call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payments To Tekippe	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Gumm, to approve payment of invoice #21 for \$26,560 to Tekippe Engineering for Streetscape engineering, invoice #4 for \$14,730 for Geothermail Well Field

engineering, and invoice #8 for \$744.60 for Civic Plaza engineering as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approve Payments To Upper Exploreiland Motion was made by Blietz, seconded by Bemiss, to approve payment of invoice #24 for \$683.80 for CDBG grant administration, invoice #1 for \$3,000 for WIRB grant administration, and invoice #16 for \$2,520 for DOE grant administration to Upper Exploreiland as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

Approve Signing Affidavit of Possession for the West Union Airport City Attorney Jerem White advised it was found that the deed was never filed many years ago showing that the City of West Union is the owner of the Airport. FAA is now requiring proof of ownership. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve as presented. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.

Approval a \$10,000 Pledge to Fayette County Local Housing Trust Fund Vagts advised the City has pledged to the FCLHTF in the past with TIF LMI funds to assist in fixing up homes in West Union. Payment is only made as projects in West Union are approved. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Blietz, to approve the pledge as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.

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

Next Council Meeting The next regular meeting will be held August 20th, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk