

Council Chambers, City Hall, September 8, 2015 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met September 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding. The meeting began with citing the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Attendance  | Roll call: Present – Council members Keller, Granger, Gumm, Bemiss, and Stansbery. Absent: None   |
| Approval of the Agenda  | Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.  |
| Approval of the Minutes   | Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. All Aye. Carried.  |
| Approve Bob Sadler Request for Support To Apply for a Challenge Grant                               | Bob Sadler advised Council he would like to apply for a Main Street Challenge Grant, which asks for Letter of Support by the City. No money is being requested, just support of his new business. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.  |
| Public Hearing and Bid Opening for Land on East Plum  | Gumm made a motion to open the Public Hearing for opening bids on the sale of land for the East 60 feet of Parcel I, except the North 208.95 feet, Keller seconded. All Aye. Carried.<br>One bid was received from Bill Bouska for \$2,300. After no comments were received from the public, motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery. All Aye. Carried.  |
| Approve Resol. 2016-07 Disposal By Sale of Land On Plum Street                                      | Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Gumm, to approve the sale of the East 60 feet of Parcel I, except the North 208.95 feet, to Bill Bouska at a price of \$2,300 per his bid. All Aye. Carried.  |
| Public Hearing and Bid Opening for Land at Future Fifth Street                                      | Motion was made by Keller, seconded by Granger, to open the Public Hearing and bids for the North 148.95 feet of the East 60 feet of Parcel I (also referred to as Future Fifth Street). Stansbery abstained, Rest Aye. Carried. Discussion began on storm water management, and how to divert the water from Stansbery's property. Stansbery advised it is the City's responsibility. Jon Biederman clarified that a storm water management plan is different from just a water runoff/drainage issue, of which this is. There is not a storm water management plan recorded, and that cannot be retroactive to previous owners; that parcel of land was sold "as is". We do need to decide on a drainage plan that is suitable for all parties. Don Bright suggested cancelling the sale of this property until the water drainage is resolved.<br>Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss. Stansbery abstained, rest Aye. Carried. |
| Table Resol. 2016-08 Disposal By Sale Land on Future Fifth Street                                   | Due to the water drainage issue that needs to be addressed, a motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to table Resolution 2016-08, for the sale of the North 148.95 feet of the East 60 feet of Parcel I. Stansbery abstained, Rest Aye. Carried.  |
| Update on Tristan Miller's Eagle Scout Project  | Tristan Miller advised his "West Union" sign south of town is now complete with lights. He used some of the leftover stone from the Downtown Streetscape Project to go around it. Council thanked him for a great job done.   |
| Update on Wastewater Plant Improvements   | Presentation by Fehr Graham on the improvements needed at the Wastewater Plant in order to comply with our new DNR permit total \$570,000. Ruroden and Scott Johansen will meet with Allamakee-Clayton REC to discuss a 0% Grant/Loan as an option for funding the Project.   |
| Discuss Kaleidoscope Kids & Set Public Hearing to be the Assured Income Provider on their USDA Loan | Ruroden advised she talked with USDA regarding this loan. Bond Attorney, Bob Josten, recommends the City not proceed as this would go against our Debt Limit. Discussed the possibility of some of the Hotel/Motel funds going to Kaleidoscope Kids, or working with them on Water/Sewer. Mayor Kent Halverson would like to discuss with the local banks to see what they could do instead of the City participating.<br>Motion to go ahead and set a Public Hearing for September 21, 2015, was made by Granger, seconded by Gumm. All Aye. Carried.  |

Airport Update Adam Keller advised the construction meeting was held September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The airport will close on September 14, 2015 for work to begin, and construction should be complete in 40 days.

Approve Street Projects Rory Starks asked for Council approval to raise and support the concrete at East Plum and East 4<sup>th</sup> Streets intersection and also at Jefferson and Rickel Street intersection. Total estimated cost is \$6,724. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery, to approve as requested. All Aye. Carried.

Approve Street Closing for NFV Homecoming Parade Amy Ihde asked permission to close the streets as they did last year around the courthouse on Thursday, September 24 for the Homecoming Parade at 7pm. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve as requested. All Aye. Carried.

Approve August Financials Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve August financials as presented. All Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2015 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 Gumm, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk