

Council Chambers, City Hall, March 3rd, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met March 3rd, 2014 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 Stansbery, Gumm, Keller, Granger. Absent: Bemiss
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve the agenda as presented with adding a Resolution for possible approval to the budget. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery, to approve minutes of the February 17 th , 2014 regular meeting. All Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing Budget	Proposed Budget was presented to Council with a decrease in property tax levy from \$15.45 down to \$14.81. Discussion took place regarding turning in a -\$115,000 deficit budget. Airport has received new information from FAA, and may be able to reduce their budget by about \$20,000 due to funds available. Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery. All Aye. Carried.
Adopt Proposed Budget	After much discussion on how to balance the budget before turning it in, motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Keller, to approve the budget as presented and submit to the state. Granger-No; Gumm-No; Stansbery-Yes; Keller-Yes. Motion Denied. Halverson will send letter to State asking for extension. Will need to discuss further, repost in the paper, and hold a Public Hearing once changes have been made.
Public Hearing To Change Water Fee Capital Fund	Gumm and Keller advised of the comments they received, and discussion took place of projects needed. Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger. All Aye. Carried.
Adopt Amended Ordinance 566 Raising Capital Water fee to \$5q	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve amending Ordinance 566 Capital Water Fee from \$2.50 per month on each water bill to \$5.00 per month per bill. All Aye. Carried. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to waive 2 nd and 3 rd Readings. All Aye. Carried. Motion to Adopt, was then made by Gumm, seconded by Granger. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Filling Vacancy in Police Dept.	Chief Parker advised he had previously posted the vacancy with Mayor's approval upon receiving Tom Stewart's resignation. Posting will go through next week. No motion needed until hiring.
Approve Street Light Brackets Through I-Jobs	Jon Biederman advised purchasing street signs and brackets pre-fab is very expensive, so he has worked with Dennis McElree on a standard 3 foot Aluminim bracket that would slide right into the current track on the 20 light poles downtown, and also worked with Jodi Granger on a reflective sign. Cost for the brackets would be \$150 each for a total of \$3000. Cost of the double-sided sign would be \$63(40 total) for a total of \$2520, plus miscellaneous hardware at \$75 = \$5595 total project. There is money left in the I-JOBS grant to cover the entire cost. Motion to approve as presented, was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery. Granger abstained, Rest Aye. Carried. Gumm also requested that Biederman and Rory Starks work with McElree to correct rusting issue on the garbage cans in the downtown area.
Approve Credit For Citizens Due to Cold Temps	Scott Johansen asked for discussion due to the extreme cold temps to offer a discount to those citizens running their water to prevent freezing as it is helping with our mains too. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger to have citizens inform City Hall if they are running their water, and issue 50% credit for water and 50% credit for sewer on the amount in excess of their normal usage. All Aye. Carried.
Update on City	Mayor Halverson asked for Council approval to hire Teresa Ruroden as

Administrator our new City Administrator at a salary of \$42,000 plus benefits as stated in the current employee manual. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve the hiring. All Aye. Carried. Teresa was present to meet everyone, and will be starting on March 17th, 2014.

Next Council Meeting Next council meeting will be held Monday, March 17th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Granger, seconded by Gumm, to adjourn. Roll call. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk