

Council Chambers, City Hall, December 3, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The West Union City Council met on December 3rd, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. In the Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Councilmembers Lauer, Guenther, Gumm, and Bemiss Absent – City Attorney Jerem White
Approval of Agenda	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Guenther, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve the minutes of the November 19th, 2012 regular meeting. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Update on Kaleidoscope Kids Capital Campaign	Kaleidoscope Honorary Co-Chair Don Mueller gave council his view on the importance of this capital campaign with respect to the City’s plan of Community Development. Courtney Bentley advised pledges are now at \$170,000, with additional verbal commitments for a grand total of about \$300,000. After some discussion, motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to donate \$10,000 to Kaleidoscope Kids Capital Campaign. All voted Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment to Upper Exploreland	Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve payment to Upper Exploreland for invoice #20 for \$1,732.50 for DOE grant administration, and invoice #27 for \$228.53 for CDBG grant administration. Roll call. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Payment To Blazek	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Lauer, to approve payment to Blazek for pay estimate #22 for \$131,889.55 for Streetscape construction, and change order #21 for (\$3,279.86). Vagts advised there is about \$43,000 remaining in the contingency, and TIF has been certified for \$75,000. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Contract Extension for K2	Jon Biederman, Tekippe Engineering, advised K2 is asking for an extension to 1/31/2013 due to backordered material and a change in controls. Alliant Energy has also advised the electric to Lion’s Park may not be done until spring, but Biederman does not see a problem with that. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the extension as requested. All Aye. Carried.
Approve 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Of Ordinance 570	With the additional time needed for snowplowing, Street Superintendent, Rory Starks is asking for the “No Parking” to be from midnight to 5 a.m. instead of 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. during a snow emergency. After discussion of the businesses that may still be open at those times: Top Hat, Moonlight Stitching & Studios, and TAP’T Out, Vagts proposed making calls to those businesses at the time the snow emergency is put in place. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Lauer, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 570, adding section 69.13, as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Changing From CenturyLink To Mediacom	Vagts requested council table this item until he is able to compile references on the service, due to some problems he has been made aware of with Mediacom losing service. Bemiss also recommends checking with the Utility Board for complaints issued to them. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to table as requested. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Release Of Reserve Funds From Auto Owner’s To Gus, Inc.	Vagts advised Auto Owners has \$29,000 held on reserve to be released by the City to Gus for demolition of the Townhouse building. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to release the funds as requested. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resol. #2013-13-Floodplain Zoning	This is another step in the FEMA process. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve Resolution #2013-13 as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resol. #2013-14 Transfer From Library T&A	Due to building repairs needed to the Library, the Library Board has requested a transfer of funds from the Library T&A account to the General Fund to pay Heins Construction for those repairs totaling

to General Fund for Building Repair	\$26,544.36. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the transfer as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resol. #2013-15 Terminating the Civic Plaza 28E Agreement	After discussions with the Board of Supervisors, it has been decided to terminate the current 28E agreement on the Civic Plaza, and write a new one which has the City leasing the Civic Plaza from the county. Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Bemiss, to terminate the 28E as requested. A new 28E will be generated at a later date. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Adding a Police Sargent	Mayor, Kent Halverson, advised with the amount of increased activity in the police department, he feels it would be good to have another person with the authority to make decisions in Police Chief Jim Davies' absence, recommending Officer Parker for that role. After some comments as to how the decision was made, council decided to review the process of selection and discuss at a later time. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Guenther, to table the issue and have the police committee review the selection process again. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Purchase Of Crystal Ice Property	Vagts advised he has not heard back from Crystal yet, so nothing new to report or act on at this time.
Approve Annual Urban Renewal Report	Vagts advised this is a new report required by the Iowa Department of Management for TIF reporting. Motion was made by Guenther, seconded by Gumm, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Police Vehicle Lease	Davies advised 2 police vehicles have 100,000 plus miles on them and are starting to need repairs. The 3 <sup>rd</sup> car has 69,000 miles on it. Deery Brothers came and presented their lease program and different options available to Chief Davies. For 3 vehicles, the approximate annual payment would be \$26,000, and after 4 years the City would own the vehicles. Vagts would like to see us sell the 2 higher mileage cars, and keep the lower mileage car to use for Park & Rec and an Airport courtesy car. Vagts reminded the police were previously approved to start receiving some of the Local Option Sales Tax money starting in 2015, which should total \$18-20,000 annually. No action needed yet.
Approve Old Mill Liquor License	Motion was made by Lauer, seconded by Guenther, to approve license WBN000571 for Old Mill at their new address as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Special Election For Ward 2	Mayor Kent Halverson advised he had 3 good candidates to fill the vacancy left by Josh Blietz in Ward 2, so he felt it only fair to let the public choose their representative for the remaining 3-year term. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Bemiss, to post in the newspaper and have the special election March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2013. Papers can be filed until February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013. All Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	The next regular meeting will be held December 17th, 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 7:15 P.M.

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KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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AMIE JOHANSEN, City Deputy Clerk