

Council Chambers, City Hall, December 7, 2015 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met December 7, 2015 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 Keller, Granger, Bemiss, and Stansbery. Absent: Gumm
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Stansbery, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Keller, to approve minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular meeting as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Update on Housing Study	Karla Organist of Upper Exploreland updated Council on the housing study that started about a year ago by West Union Community Development. Data has been collected, and maps created to show areas where we need to develop growth or rehabilitation is needed. Next step will be hosting a public open forum, which will take place after the first of the year.
Speer Financial Update on TIF	Maggie Burger of Speer Financial presented Council with update reports on the City's debts and Tax Increment Financing obligations.
Park & Rec Update	Kathy Guyer gave a review of the Park & Rec programs and financial standing of each program. The Board has set up a 501C3 account to be called Friends of the West Union Parks and Recreation, and would like to transfer money they have raised from fundraisers to start the account, which will be used for future grants, donations, and fundraisers.
Approve Resol. 2016-17 a Transfer To Park & Rec 501C3	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve a Transfer of funds from the Special Event Revenue Account 181-430-4701 in the amount of \$48,212.23 to the 501C3 account Friends of the West Union Park and Recreation. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resol. 2016-18 a Transfer From Park & Rec Misc Revenue to General Fund	After Guyer and Ruroden reviewed the revenues of the Park & Rec fund, \$7,646.50 will need to be transferred from the Miscellaneous Revenue account to General Fund to correct for allocations paid out of General for Special Events. Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Bemiss, to approve as requested. All Aye. Carried.
Update on Airport	Adam Keller advised the runway lights are now working at the Airport, just need to reseed grass yet. He has received a few calls to rent hangars, but ours are currently full. The Airport Committee has developed a 5-year Capital Improvement Program which will aid in receiving State and Federal money towards improvements, including acquisition of 6 acres of land, rehabilitating tee hangars, fuel system upgrades, and building a two-unit hangar.
Approve Resol. 2016-19 for Airport Capital Improvement Program	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve the 5-year Capital Improvement Program for the Airport, which will continue our eligibility for future funding with the FAA. Projects approved would require a 10% match by the City. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Agreement With Fehr Graham For Franklin Street Project	Jon Biederman, Fehr Graham, advised the new bids for the Franklin Street replacement project came in about \$100,000 lower than they did back in July/August. This agreement is for Fehr Graham to provide Construction Engineering for the project totaling \$34,236. Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Bemiss, to approve the agreement as presented. All Aye.
Carried.	
Approve Brennan Construction Co. For Franklin St. Bridge Project	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Keller, to approve the lowest bid on the Franklin Street Project of \$246,265.92 by Brennan Construction Company of Lansing, IA. This is funded 80% by Iowa DOT, 20% City match. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resignation By Mat Walker as Chief of Police	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve resignation by Police Chief Mathew Walker, effective December 3, 2015. All Aye. Carried.

Update on Police Department	Mayor Halverson advised officer Ben Baskerville resigned effective December 1, 2015. The Police Committee has met to discuss the openings of Chief and officer, as well as continuing the drug dog program. Lieutenant Mike Foland will fill the interim Chief position. Open positions will be posted until January 13, 2016.
Approve Drug Dog Program	Mayor Halverson asked Council for input on continuing the drug dog program with Officer Xena, our current canine, due to Walker's resignation. A new handler would need to be established and training can cost up to \$4,000. There is currently \$2,200 left in the account. Of the current officers, reserve Brad Gardner is the only one who is interested in becoming a handler. Council all agreed they would like to continue the program.
Approve November Financials	Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Stansbery, to approve the November financials as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, December 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 Granger, seconded by Stansbery, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk