

Council Chambers, City Hall, May 4th, 2015 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met May 4th, 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, Gumm, Bemiss, and Stansbery. Absent: City Attorney Jerem White
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 Gumm, seconded by Stansbery, to approve minutes of the April 20, 2015 regular meeting. All Aye. Carried.
Change Zoning on Old Middle School From R-2 to C-2	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Granger, to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to change zoning for Earl Moss' property on East Main where the old middle school was from R-2 to C-2. All Aye. Carried.
Resol. 2015-32 to Acquire Easement Right-of-way for the Franklin St. Bridge	The new box culvert that will be installed is longer and wider than what is currently under the Franklin Street bridge, so an easement of right-of-way needs to be purchased from landowners, Florian Steinlage for \$982.87 and Heying Firms for \$967.10 for public right-of-way. Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Blazek For Valve Replace At Wastewater Plant	Five sets of bids were sent out to contractors, and two received back. Blazek was the low bid of \$82,245. Jon Biederman of Fehr Graham recommended Council accept the bid even though it is higher than their estimate. \$60,000 was put in the Budget, the extra could be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Manhole Replacement on Linden Street	Further breakdown on total street replacement for Linden Street is \$176,540 Street, \$71,538 Water, \$56,294 Sewer, \$32,998 Sidewalk, for a Total of \$337,370. Gumm asked Rory Starks if we could make better use of the money by doing small patching until we could get funds together for a full street project. Starks advised that is his plan for the extra road use money that will come in from the tax increase. CDBG grants/ loans were discussed as a funding source for infrastructure, but cannot be used for the streets. Bemiss requested we put a plan together due to the age of the infrastructure so we are not doing projects by emergency only with no funding in place. Biederman offered to get cost estimates together to help form the plan. After discussion, a motion was made by Bemiss, seconded by Gumm to replace the manhole only at this time on Linden Street. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Street Improvement Acct.	Discussion on how to move forward with the 301 account named Street Improvements, per Data Tech, is to use some of the money to paint the water tower and the rest to what we need to, then rename the account to Capital Improvement to get away from “street improvements” which it should not be called. Ruroden will prepare a resolution to act on at next council meeting.
Set Public Hearing For the Budget Amendment	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger to approve setting May 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for the public hearing on the budget amendment; the meeting is early due to a schedule conflict. All Aye. Carried.
Cemetery Update	Rory Starks advised mowing has begun at the Cemetery with Dennis Soppe as the lead person, and three others to assist once school gets out. Starks put a fuel barrel there, and is planning to spray the weeds next week. Stansbery would still like to see a quote of outsourcing the mowing to compare. Starks would like to demo zero turn mowers with Baumler's and Bodensteiner's. Starks complimented Andy Larson for doing an excellent job of learning and teaching the other guys how to measure out the graves. They would like to see a GPS system for the Cemetery added to the website as everything is a

paper system currently. Biederman advised the software would be about \$3,000, and could maybe get an Upper Iowa intern to do initial setup. Ruroden added that Jeff Alber will be putting the retaining wall in in June.

Approve April Financials Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Granger, to approve April, 2015 financials as presented. All Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 2015 at **5:30 p.m.** in council chambers.

Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, Deputy City Clerk