

Council Chambers, City Hall, November 7, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met November 7, 2016 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 Gumm, Smith, Stansbery, Granger And Keller Absent: None
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Granger, 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 October 17, 2016 regular meeting as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss WWTP and Land Purchase	Lucas Elsbernd, Fehr-Graham, submitted a progress report to DNR advising land had not been able to be purchased yet. Construction is to be complete by 2/1/2018. Gumm advised there is another property owner that is willing to sell 5 acres, if we need to change location. Elsbernd advised it would be feasible, just not an ideal location due to bedrock. After some discussion, a motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to counter offer the Paige family for the 3 acres we need at their price of \$16,875, with the option to purchase the other 9 acres for \$12,500 at a future date; or \$13,500 for all 12 acres purchased now. All Aye. Carried. McIntyre will contact Jerem White to send the offer.
Discuss Blinking Lights for School Speed Limit Zone	Iowa DOT advised the current speed of 35 mph on Highway 18 is adequate for the traffic counts, but would agree to install signs and beacons to set a school speed limit zone during school hours. The City or the School would be responsible for maintenance and utility costs after installation. Discussed a solar or wireless system. After discussion, motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Smith, to table until we have more information. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Sidewalk Improvement Process	McIntyre talked with Oelwein and Calmar to see what they do for sidewalk improvements. Their process is similar to ours, but pay back is less, and they enforce by marking sidewalks and allowing a certain time to do the work. McIntyre would like to put criteria together, form a team to mark bad sidewalks in the spring, send a letter to the property owner, specifying the timeframe repair, and if they do not participate, the City will do the work and bill them or assess to their property taxes.
Discuss Garbage Collection Ordinance	Kennon Gumm advised this issue came up on the Landfill/Recycling and Solid Waste Commission he serves on. Due to the transfer station closing, we have to comply with Blackhawk regulations where we haul waste to. Oelwein shared their ordinance and application they have all haulers fill out as a sample. Gumm would like to see West Union add this into the Ordinances. Mayor Halverson requested Gumm and Smith work with McIntyre to come up with a plan and bring back to council for review.
Approve Traffic Signal Cameras on Highway 18	Iowa DOT advised they would pay the City \$17,500 towards changing the two traffic light intersections from the current loop detectors to camera systems which is a better system. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2017-11 Approving Transfers	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to approve Resolution 2017-11 transferring \$419,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Water Fund for the Water Tower painting, and \$25,000 to Police Fund for the new car. All Aye. Carried.
Approve October Financials	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Keller, to approve October Financials as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	Next regular council meeting will be held Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm 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 7:08 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy City Clerk