

Council Chambers, City Hall, May 1, 2017, 5:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met May 1, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Council Chambers with Mayor Kent Halverson presiding. The meeting began with citing the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance	Roll call: Present – Council members Smith, Stansbery, Gumm, Granger and Keller Absent: None
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Granger, seconded by Stansbery, to approve the agenda, amending to add item #7-Discuss and Take Action on Police mobile/portable radios. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Keller, to approve minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Changes to General Insurance For Fire Dept.	City Administrator Nick McIntyre reviewed coverage of the Fire Department Insurance with Dick Woodard, and advised council of some changes in amount of coverage, and raising deductibles which will net about \$1,000 in savings. Council advised Nick to proceed with making those changes.
Approve Purchasing Police Mobile & Portable Radios	Chief Schauer advised Council our current radios are not in good working condition, and Motorola APX systems can communicate on all bands. Cost is \$24,538 for Portables, and \$21,096 for Mobiles. He plans to use drug forfeiture money, and Capital funds from FY17/18 budget to purchase. This would delay the training facility, but the radios are the more important purchase at this time. After some discussion, motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Stansbery, to approve purchasing mobiles first and putting a down payment on the portables. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Setting a Public Hearing for Budget Amendment	Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Keller, to set a Public Hearing for May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the Budget Amendment adding \$560,000 of GO Bond Revenue, and \$747,409 Expenditures for Capital Projects and Water and Sewer Projects. All Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2017-39 Supporting Joining FCLHTF with NEIA Regional Housing	Amie Johansen has served on the Fayette County Local Housing Trust Fund and advised Council the FCLHTF has decided to join with NEIA Regional Housing Trust Fund due to decreasing funds, as both groups are administered by UERPC and are working to fix up homes in our counties. Motion was made by Stansbery, seconded by Gumm, to approve Resolution 2017-39 as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Franchise Fees	Franchise Fees are currently set at 1% with Alliant and Black Hills, and are budgeted to bring in Revenue of about \$41,000. The franchise fee reallocates the sales tax to come directly to the City instead of going to the State and be reallocated to return a percentage to all cities in the county. The Revenue Purpose Statement allows the funds to be used in many ways. McIntyre would like to see us increase that percent we are collecting. Council would like to see how it will affect LOST dollars, as we have allocated money to Fire, Streets, and Police through that.
West Union Clean Up Day	McIntyre informed Council a Spring Cleanup is set for May 5 and May 6. West Union Cares members will do curbside pickup, and City Hall will sell stickers for items the Landfill charges for. Starks has ordered a dumpster to be set in front of the City shop, and Lester Hope will assist as well.
Update on Adopt A Garden Process	McIntyre hosted a meeting at the West Union Library on April 27 th to discuss the downtown flower beds and bio retention areas. Chris Reicks led a walk to show attendees the flowers and prairie grasses and educate how to care for them. Approximately 2/3 of the gardens are adopted. Brandy Burgin will keep a spreadsheet of names at the Main Street Chamber office. The City will have Jodi Granger make signs for each garden that has been adopted.
Discuss UTV Ordinance	Fayette County Supervisors recently passed an Ordinance allowing UTVs to ride within Fayette County. McIntyre proposed an Ordinance for the City of West Union to also allow them. Council made some changes, and will further discuss at next meeting.

Discuss Cigarette Butts in Downtown The problem of cigarette butts all over city sidewalks, flower beds and the downtown area has come up again. McIntyre presented a smoke pot and asked about purchasing several and distributing in the downtown area. Several comments were that people won't use them anyway, so no need to go through the expense. Conversation continued on banning smoking in downtown, and Council agreed that is not what they want to do, but need to find a way to stop the littering. Council will continue discussing.

Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2017 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 Keller, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

KENT HALVERSON, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
AMIE JOHANSEN, Deputy City Clerk