

Council Chambers, City Hall, January 3, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met January 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with Mayor Cameron Granger presiding. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance	Present: Croal, Miller, McElree, Gumm, Smith
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda with amendments to add item 4a. Consider Approval to Pay Fire Physicals with Public Safety Money, and item 5a. Consider Approval of All Stop Liquor Renewal once all paperwork is complete. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Croal, seconded by Gumm, to approve the December 19th, 2022 minutes as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Linden Project	Jon Biederman presented options for the Linden Street Reconstruction Project by starting with sanitary only in 2023, extending from south of Cherry Street along Union Street to Plum Street plus approximately 235' on Linden Street to address the most critical portion of the existing main. Temporary surfacing would be placed to allow settling before doing the water and paving in 2024. Estimated cost is \$392,000 and includes 10% contingency. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal to proceed as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Public Safety Funds to Pay Firemen Physicals	Work Comp required all firemen to get physicals this year, which was not a budgeted expense in the Fire Budget. Fire Chief Rory Starks is requesting to pay the Gundersen bill of \$8,772 from the public safety funds. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by McElree, to approve as requested. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Posting And Hiring a Deputy Clerk	Miranda Lyons has left employment effective December 9, 2022. Motion was made by Croal, seconded by Smith, to approve posting and hiring to fill the vacancy. All Aye. Carried.
Approve All Stop Liquor Renewal	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller, to approve liquor license renewal for All Stop once the paperwork is approved by Iowa Alcohol Beverage Division. All Aye. Carried.
Budget Discussion	Council discussed items to address in the budget. The library exterior is still needing repair and how do we fund that. Jill Clark advised her board would like to focus on the east side first, and they are trying to find a contractor to bid so we have a better idea of costs. In talking with Maggie at Speer, we could do an interfund loan, and then add it as a project in the Downtown TIF to repay with TIF funds collected. Also discussed moving general funds to cover the balance on the street projects recently completed and clear the negatives in capital projects. Original plan had been to get another GO Bond, but will use some of the cash available. Also discussed tree removal in the Cemetery, and the decision was to make a plan once new cemetery employee has started. Downtown trees have grown larger than expected. Will reach out to arborists to get direction.
Next Council Meeting	Next regular council meeting will be January 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
Adjourn	With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Miller, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Cameron Granger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, City Administrator