

Council Chambers, City Hall, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met January 16, 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, McElree, Gumm, Smith. Absent - Miller
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Croal, seconded by Gumm, to approve the agenda with amendment to add item 5a. Consider Request by Norm Einck to update security camera box and add an antenna to the pool to install cameras in the Rec Center. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to approve the January 3rd, 2023 minutes as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Engineer Agreement with Fehr Graham for Linden St.	Jon Biederman presented the engineer agreement for the Linden Street Reconstruction Project totaling \$60,000 for Design and Construction. Sanitary Sewer portion will be done in 2023 from Cherry to Linden, and rest in 2024 with water and paving. In televising, there are two storm sewers that sanitary goes through, but will see if enough depth to go below. Motion to approve the engineering agreement was made by Gumm, seconded by McElree. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Purchase Of New Pierce Pumper Truck	Fire Chief Rory Starks presented the cost for a new Pierce Pumper/Rescue Truck the Firemen have been working on after viewing Jesup Fire Department's truck, and a full pricing breakdown on how to pay for it. Beginning cost is \$742,288, less discounts of \$17,375, for a total cost of \$724,913. Applying \$400,000 current Local Option Sales Tax and \$115,261.59 of the Fire Equipment Replacement account brings the total down to \$209,651.41 to raise over the next 2 years as the truck is built. Starks advised if we could sign the contract to purchase before February 6, 2023 would save us an increase in the beginning price of 1.6%. City Administrator Amie Johansen advised she would like to see more of the LOST dollars we take in be applied before the City and Townships have to budget money as the LOST dollars accumulate from anyone shopping within Fayette County and benefits all taxpayers. Kennon Gumm also recommended offering the current truck to another Fayette County or NEIA Fire Department before advertising out further to assist our local fire departments due to their aging trucks in our area. All Aye. Carried.
Rec Foundation add Cameras at Pool	Norm Einck requested permission to update the security camera box at the pool to allow 2 cameras to be added, and to install an antenna on the outside of the Pool to help in security at the Rec Center. The Rec Foundation will take care of all expenses, and would like to install this summer. Access will be given to the West Union Police to monitor. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by McElree, to approve as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2023-17 Approving to Hire Anthony Soppe for Cemetery Grounds	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by McElree, to approve Resolution 2023-17 hiring Anthony Soppe to Cemetery Grounds Maintenance beginning February 1, 2023. The position will combine with the Street Department. All Aye. Carried.
Approve to Hire Aquatic Manager	Park & Rec Director Trey Kuhens has requested permission to hire a seasonal Aquatic Manager to assist with the Pool day-to-day in the summer, swim lessons planning, lifeguard training, and scheduling to allow him to put more summer focus on the rec side of Park & Rec. McElree made a motion to approve posting and hiring, Gumm seconded. All Aye. Carried.
Approve to Park & Rec Board Kayla Buchheit and Kelsey Exum Bishop	Kuhens requested to fill vacancies on his Park & Rec Board effective immediately and serving a four-year term with Kayla Buchheit and Kelsey Exum Bishop. Gumm made a motion to approve, Smith seconded. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Resolution 2023-18 Naming Hwy 150 After Trooper Jim Smith	Dewey Hubke, friend of Sergeant Jim Smith, requested towns along Highway 150 from West Union to Vinton to place memorial signs in memory of Smith who worked 27 years as a trooper, and died in the line of duty. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Gumm, to approve signs placed at the north and south ends of West Union, and also to pay for the signs with public safety funds, totaling \$1,200. All Aye. Carried.

Set Next Meeting Johansen requested to set a special meeting for January 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to review the budget. Croal moved to approve, McElree seconded. All Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be January 30, 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 Gumm, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Cameron Granger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, City Administrator