

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

West Union City Council met March 6, 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, Miller, Smith, and Gumm. Absent – None
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Croal, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to approve the February 20th, 2023 minutes as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Linden Street And Take Any Action Necessary	Jon Biederman presented preliminary plans for the Linden Street sanitary sewer project and to fix storm sewer issues. Streets will be closed only as needed during project. Crushed stone will be used on Union Street after the project in 2023, paving will be done as part of 2024 project. Plum Street will be paved due to the increased traffic on that street. Widening streets will be considered on Linden Street in 2023. Sidewalk setbacks will be ADA compliant. Estimated cost from Fehr Graham was \$390,000.00. Plans will be released to contractors next week.
Approve Engineering Agreement with Fehr Graham for Gateway To Recreation Trail	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Smith, to approve engineering agreement with Fehr Graham for Gateway to Recreation Trail totaling \$135,000.00. McElree-No, Rest Aye. Carried.
Approve SRT Grant Agreement for Trail	Local match in agreement needs to be modified as some items are not eligible to be used as in-kind funds. Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Smith, to approve to sign SRT Grant Agreement for trail subject to Scott Flag's questions addressed. McElree, Miller-No, Rest Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2023-21 to Approve Hiring Beth Simonson as Seasonal Aquatic Manager	Motion was made by Croal, seconded by Gumm, to approve the hiring of Beth Simonsen as Seasonal Aquatic Manager. Salary was set at \$12,500.00 for the season. All Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing On Max Tax Levy And Approval	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Smith, to open the Public Hearing on Max Tax Levy for FY23-24 budget. All Aye. Carried. This is showing a decrease percentage due to the decrease in property valuation. After no comments or questions were received, Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Smith, to close the Public Hearing. All Aye. Carried. Motion was then made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to approve the Max Tax Levy as proposed. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Hiring Summer Help at the Cemetery To Assist in Mowing And General Upkeep	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to post a job opening and hire part-time help at the cemetery for the 2023 spring/summer season. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Iowa DOT Agreement for Immediate Safety	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to approve signing the Iowa DOT Immediate Safety Enhancement grant. All Aye. Carried. The grant is to replace the rotating beacon at the airport with an estimated cost of \$17,026.84

Enhancement Program to Replace Rotating Beacon at The Airport from Voltmer Electric. The grant will cover \$10,000.00. Council agreed to use Public Safety funds for our portion.

Approve Bruce Ehler to Airport Commission and Renew Erich Gamm's Term Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Gumm, to approve adding Bruce Ehler to the Airport Commission effective 3/2/2023 for a term of 6 years expiring 12/1/2029 and to approve renewing Erich Gamm's term to 12/1/2029. All Aye. Carried.

Table Alliant Energy Community Tree Grant for Lion's Park Discussed approval of Alliant Energy Community Tree Program and One Million Trees Initiative Grant for Lion's Park. Due to more information being needed, Motion to Table discussion was made by Miller, seconded by Gumm. All Aye. Carried.

Next Council Meeting Next regular council meeting will be March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Adjourn With no further business to bring forth before the Council, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Miller, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Cameron Granger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, City Administrator