

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

West Union City Council met April 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, McElree, Miller, Smith, and Gumm. Absent – None
Approval of the Agenda	Motion was made by Croal, seconded by Gumm, to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to approve the March 20th, 2023, minutes as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Bid by CGLS Construction For Tree Removal in Cemetery	Received bid from CGLS Construction for \$3375.00 to cut down trees and grind stumps that need to be removed from Cemetery. Motion to approve made by Croal, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Selling Unused Equipment at Big Iron Auction	The Cemetery has some John Deere equipment that the City no longer has use for. Tony Soppe requested listing those items for sale with Big Iron Auction. Motion to approve made by Gumm, seconded by McElree. All Aye. Carried.
Resolution 2023-26 to Hire Summer Help At the Cemetery	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to approve Resolution 2023-26 hiring Israel Hernandez, Kallen Ginger, and Ayden Burrow as Seasonal Summer employees at the Cemetery. All Aye. Carried.
Increase Fees for City	Amie Johansen presented fee schedules for services performed by the City for a number of years and proposed updating the following: Building Permit: Minimum \$40 +\$5/1000 to Max of \$200 except on new homes. Demo Permit: \$75 without water/sewer; \$125 with water/sewer Fence Permit: \$75 Portable Shed Permit: \$75 New Home Building Permit: \$300 +\$150 Water +\$150 Sewer = \$600 First Time Golf Cart Permit: \$75 Renewal Golf Cart Permit: \$30 Replacement Water Meter: \$200 Load of Water: \$50 Cemetery Lots: \$350 Cremation Grave Digging: Weekday- \$350; Weekend/Holiday- \$500 Motion to approve made by Gumm, seconded by Croal. All Aye. Carried.
Approve iFoam to Install Insulation at City Hall	Insulation in City Hall is currently 4-8” in ceiling. Estimates were received from iFoam and RetroFoam of Iowa to install insulation. Motion to approve lowest estimate from iFoam for \$6,480.00 to add insulation to obtain an insulation value of R60 was made by Croal, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Submitting Request for Funding To Update/Add Sirens	City sirens need to be updated/added. In order to get funding, request must be submitted for funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Motion to apply for funding was made by McElree, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.

Approve Public Purpose Policy For Expenditures	Council reviewed policy to use public funds considered “for the public good” to support the expenditures for gifts or memorials for illnesses or funerals, sustenance supplies, food or non-alcoholic drinks for city sponsored events, retirement gifts, and other memorials as the Council would see fit. Motion to approve policy as presented made by Gumm, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Amendment To the Agreement Between the City of West Union and West Union Chamber	An Amendment was made to the Agreement between the City of West Union and West Union Chamber to state what is currently happening. After some discussion, motion to table approval until some changes were made was made by Gumm, seconded by McElree. All Aye. Carried.
Public Hearing For FY23-24 Budget	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller, to open the Public Hearing for the FY23-24 Budget. All Aye. Carried. Daryl Moss questioned the max tax levy due to the large increase in property taxes assessment that was just mailed out from County Assessor’s office. McElree explained the process to Moss. With no further questions or concerns, motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Croal, to Close the Public Hearing. All Aye. Carried.
Approve FY23-24 Budget	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by McElree, to approve FY23-24 Budget as presented. All Aye. Carried.
Reschedule May 1st Council Meeting Due To City Administrator Vacation	After some discussion, Council decided to change the April 17 th Council Meeting to April 24 th . May Council Meetings will be held May 15 th and May 30 th . Motion to approve schedule changes made by Gumm, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 to Discuss Real Estate Property	Motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller, to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 at 6:38 p.m. All Aye. Carried. After discussion, Gumm made motion to close the session, seconded by Croal, at 7:12 p.m. All Aye. Carried.
Reopen Meeting and Approve Sale of Real Estate Property	Motion made by Croal, seconded by Gumm, to reopen meeting and approve the sale of real estate property in the Industrial Park to Dan McElree as proposed. McElree abstained, Rest- All Aye. Carried.
Next Council Meeting	Next regular council meeting will be April 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
Adjourn	With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller, to adjourn. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Cameron Granger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, City Administrator