

Council Chambers, City Hall, June 17, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met June 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Cameron Granger presiding. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance	Present: DeBack, McElree, Miller, and Tope. Absent: Gumm.
Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by DeBack, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the June 3, 2024, Council Meeting minutes as presented was made by Miller, seconded by Tope. All Aye. Carried.
Approval to Proceed With Bridge Repair Per Origin Designs	Julie Neebel from Origin Designs shared the Proposal for the North Pine Street Bridge repair. She suggested that planning and engineering begin now. Funding from the Iowa DOT of up to \$1.5 million will be announced in January or February of 2025. Motion to move forward with Origin Design's proposal was made by McElree, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Sidewalk Replacement at 116 Adams Street	Approval to attach a historical fence into the sidewalk after sidewalk replacement at 116 Adams Street was made by Tope, seconded by DeBack. All Aye. Carried. New sidewalk will be 5' wide with the fence attached on top.
Approval to Cap Well At 64-Acre Property	Motion to approve low bid of \$1,115.00 from Cushion Plumbing, Heating and Electric to cap well at the 64-acre property where the trail will go was made by Miller, seconded by DeBack. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of DARE Fundraiser at 64-Acre Property	Officer Hollingsworth will be trained as a DARE Instructor in October and will then hold programs at West Union and Valley Elementaries. Cost will be \$2 per student. Police Department would like to hold a mud run at the 64-Acre Property to raise funds to help cover the cost. Motion to approve fundraiser was made by Miller, seconded by Tope. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Sidewalk Reconstruction	Jon Biederman discussed some options and cost estimates for sidewalk reconstruction. Motion to table discussion until more information is received from Jeff Geerts on possible funding was made by Miller, seconded by Tope. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Washout by Nutien	Jon Biederman looked at a washout area near Nutrien but noted that the sanitary line was not being compromised. City Administrator will get bids for removing willow trees and sediment and for setting limestone or riprap to prevent future issues.
Approval of Cigarette Permit for FY24-25 For All Stop	Motion to approve cigarette permit for FY24-25 for All Stop was made by Tope, seconded by DeBack. All Aye. Carried.

Approval of May 2024 Financials Motion to approve May 2024 Financials as presented was made by Tope, seconded by DeBack. All Aye. Carried.

Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) Motion was made by Miller, seconded by DeBack, to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to discuss “the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session” at 6:44 p.m. The proposed closed session has been reviewed and found appropriate under the referenced Iowa Code Section by the City Attorney. After discussion, motion was made by Tope, seconded by Miller, to leave the closed session at 7:43 p.m. All Aye. Carried.

Approval of Return To Open Session Motion was made by DeBack, seconded by Tope, to go into open session at 7:43 p.m. All Aye. Carried.

Action Following Closed Session Motion to remove City Administrator Johansen from her position was made by DeBack. With no second, motion failed. Motion to implement City Attorney’s recommendation regarding confidential personnel matter was made by Miller, seconded by Tope. All Aye. Carried.

Discuss Trees Downtown Trees in front of Nucara and Dillon Law have grown close to the buildings downtown. City Administrator has contacted Scott Sindelar to advise if they can be trimmed back or need to be removed. Johansen will follow up with him and will also get prices to have removed.

Adjourn With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by DeBack, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Cameron Granger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amie Johansen, City Administrator