

Council Chambers, City Hall, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

West Union City Council met July 15, 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, Gumm, McElree, Miller, and Tope.
Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Tope, seconded by Gumm. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the July 1, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.
Review Wright Way Computers Cyber Security Proposals	Tyler Wright of Wright Way Computers met with Councilman DeBack and Chamber Director Matt Marsala to review the need for cyber security and training. After presenting proposals with different levels of security and pricing, Council agreed the City will look at the needs for those employees with City emails and will revise as needed with Tyler.
Discuss Downtown Trees with Fort Atkinson Nursery	Scott Sindelar from Fort Atkinson Nursery gave a quote of \$6,260.00 to trim, shape, and clean up downtown trees that are growing in front of buildings. This should be done every 2-3 years. After some discussion, motion to approve his bid and remove trees in front of Dillon Law Office and Nucara was made by Miller, seconded by DeBack. All Aye. Carried.
Approval to Move Leftover FY23-24 Library Budget Expenses to FY24-25 Building Repair	Motion to move leftover FY23-24 Library budget expenses of \$5,344.39 to FY24-25 Building Repair line towards repair of the building was made by Gumm, seconded by McElree. All Aye. Carried.
Discuss Library Salary Increases	Library Director Jill Clark questioned where library salary increases would fit into the FY25 budget. Council recommended reviewing charges and fees to increase revenue, and City Administrator Johansen suggested decreasing expenses to allow for the salary increases. Will revisit in the future if changes need to be made.
Approval to Move Leftover FY23-24 Fire Budget to FY24-25 Fire Equipment Replacement	Motion to move leftover FY23-24 Fire budget of \$4,698.55 to Fire Equipment Replacement for FY24-25 was made by Gumm, seconded by Tope. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of \$6,000 From Public Safety Funds to Purchase	Fire Chief Rory Starks discussed purchasing 28 new helmets for the department with a total cost of \$12,000.00. Starks is requesting the use of \$6,000.00 from Public Safety Funds to cover half the cost; Fire Department will pay the

Fire Department Helmets	remaining \$6,000.00 with fundraising monies. Motion to approve was made by McElree, seconded by Gumm. All Aye. Carried.
Approve Use of Crushed Rock by Fayette County Ag Society	Andy Bilden and Kevin Converse from Fayette County Ag Society requested use of crushed rock to help keep water shed from main fairground areas. Motion to approve use of up to 12 loads was made by Tope, seconded by McElree. All Aye. Carried.
Approval of 3% Annual Increase in Sewer Rates	Motion to approve 3% Annual Increase in Sewer rates for operational costs was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried. Rates will increase on the July 2024 billing.
Approval of June 2024 Financials and July 2024 Expenditures	Motion to approve June 2024 financials as presented and July 2024 expenditures totaling \$320,819.75 was made by Gumm, seconded by Miller. All Aye. Carried.

CLAIMS LIST:

Access Systems-Copier	268.40
AFLAC-Insurance	122.28
Alex Kent-Umping	120.00
All Stop-Fuel	791.71
Allamakee-Clayton Econ Dev-Loans	3,000.00
Allamakee-Clayton Electric-Electric Bills	8,326.89
Alliant-Electric Bill	6,679.69
All Recipes-Subscription	24.00
Amazon-Supplies	200.84
Amie Johansen-Mileage/Phone Reimbursement	237.10
Ashlyn Klusman-Umping	30.00
AT&T Mobility-Phones	258.51
Baker & Taylor-Books	45.68
Baumler Implements-Supplies	1,194.76
Ben Mabb-Umpiring	60.00
Black Hawk Waste-Garbage	327.40
Black Hills-Gas	473.75
Blueglobes-Supplies	142.76
Bodensteiner Imp-Supplies	214.16
Brandi Burrow-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
Brian Gibson-Solar Easement	400.00
Cael Reichter-Umpiring	150.00
Casey McDermott-Supplies	50.00
CDW Government-Supplies	874.01
CenturyLink-Phones	294.91
CIT Sewer Solutions-Maintenance	5,215.55
City Laundering-Supplies	576.75
CoreMark-Supplies	3,639.89
Croell RediMix-Concrete	549.00

Dale Bilden-City Hall Janitorial	150.00
Decklyn Heins-Umping	30.00
Diamond Vogel-Paint	1,367.60
EFTPS-Payroll Taxes	29,127.62
Easton's-Supplies	46.00
Elsbernd Pest Control-Supplies	70.00
Eurofins-Testing	524.79
Farm Plan (Norby's)-Supplies	410.12
Farmers Win Coop-Fuel	2,383.49
Fay Co Ag Society-Fair Midway	5,000.00
Fay Co Auditor-Geo Electric	321.44
Fay Co Union-Publications	126.44
Fehr Graham-Engineering	28,849.25
General Traffic Controls-Supplies	2,000.00
Gordon Flesch-Copier	132.77
Greyson Young-Travel	224.62
Hawkeye Communication-Alarms	147.00
Hawkeye Interconnect-Internet	331.92
IA Dept of Revenue-Taxes	3,285.81
IA DOT-Supplies	1,153.21
IMWCA-Work Comp	9,156.00
IA League of Cities-Dues	1,822.00
IPERS-Retirement	12,534.37
Kenny Kerr-Umpiring	90.00
Kent Halverson-Airport Mgmt	635.00
KSB Solar-Solar Fees	3,170.66
Lane Johansen-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
Lincoln Investment-457b Plan	4,010.39
LL Pelling-Supplies	854.70
Loomis P&H-Furnace/AC	6,435.39
Mady Ney-Umping	240.00
Marco-Copiers	141.12
Megan McDonald-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
Moss Service Center-Repairs	58.95
Napa-Supplies	76.33
NEICAC-Support	2,490.00
NE IA RC&D-Dues	2,490.00
Northern Lights-Supplies	66.00
Northway Corp-Repairs	62,689.78
North Central Labs-Supplies	327.55
Petty Cash-Postage	35.04
Police Legal Sciences-Training	600.00
Quill Corp-Supplies	157.86
Quillin's-Supplies	728.66
Richard Menne-Solar Easement	852.30
RNR Solar-Solar Fees	3,442.97
Ryan Wagner-Firemen Compensation	496.00

Shield Technology-Software	1,162.50
Sisco Premium Trust-Insurance	19,590.10
State Hygienic Lab-Testing	121.50
Storey Kenworthy-Supplies	100.90
Tech Soup-Supplies	405.00
The Standard-Insurance	446.79
Tom Luhman-Supplies	75.00
Tony Soppe-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
Treasurer-St of Iowa-Taxes	2,544.50
Tree Doctor-Treatment	2,051.00
Upper Exploreland-RLF Admin	204.87
US Cellular-Phones	310.30
US Postmaster-Postage	491.31
US Specialty Coatings-Paint	430.51
Verizon-Phones	449.42
Washington National-Insurance	83.90
WU District Energy-Geo	280.00
WU Motors-Repairs	21.00
Wex Bank-Fuel	1,116.07
Wilbur Ford-Repairs	1,279.54
Wright Way Computers-Support	108.75
Zach Salisbury-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
Total Payroll	73,560.12
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Total Claims	\$320,819.75

	<u>TOTAL CLAIMS BY FUND:</u>	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS BY FUND:</u>
General	\$140,415.70	\$70,811.94
Fire Equipment Replacement		
Road Use Tax	20,704.51	39,701.06
Employee Benefits	18,365.81	2,449.79
LOST		18,808.77
TIF		
Revolving Loan Fund		
Library Donations		248.00
Cemetery Donations		420.00
Debt Service		26,497.44
Capital Improvement	26,144.25	
Airport Project		5,012.21
Bridge Project		
Equipment Revolving		
Perpetual Care		420.00
Water	51,366.26	36,152.15
Capital Water Fee	30,606.31	5,723.25
Sewer	25,001.36	26,452.60
Capital Sewer Fee	5,215.55	63,874.62
Sewer Sinking Fund		71,041.00

Capital Sewer Projects	3,000.00	
Storm Water		4,456.05
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Totals	\$320,819.75	\$372,068.88

Discuss Urban Revitalization Plan For Tax Abatement On New Housing      City Administrator Johansen spoke with Dorsey and Whitney about setting up an Urban Revitalization Plan for tax abatement for new housing. After some discussion, Council advised Johansen to get a quote on cost to have plan written.

Comments and Items To Discuss      City of West Union received an A3 Rating on Moody’s Ratings report.

Jamie Hackley asked about putting an American Legion memorial in Sunset Park. Council recommended asking if memorial could be incorporated into existing memorial at corner of Hwy 150 and 18.

Pool leak at the WU Aquatic Center will be repaired at the end of the season.

Adjourn      With no further business to bring before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Gumm, seconded by DeBack. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Next Council Meeting      Next regular council meeting will be August 5, 2024, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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Cameron Granger, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amie Johansen, City Administrator