

West Union Village Council

January 28, 2020

West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on 1-28-2020, at the Municipal Building with Mayor Jason Buda presiding. Call to order, pledge to the flag, and roll call: John R Lafferty – present, Mark Brewer – present, Jason Francis – present, Randy Brewer – present, Steve Rothwell – present; also in attendance: Tanya Johnson – Clerk, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator, Tim Sanderson – Police Chief, Lisa Rothwell – Solicitor. Visitors: see sign-in sheet attached.

Some of the Barnes Subdivision and Liberty Township residents, Sharon Chenoweth, Silas Mills, Ron Salibury, Amber Kidd, Ty Haitz, Roy Pendell, and Sheila Ferguson spoke to Council on a few of their concerns involving the Village: 15% raise in the sewer rates, 1.6 million grant, sewer in the Crackle and Gabbert Subdivision, annexing into the Village, residence not being hooked up to the sewer system, grant money, re-surface the roads after construction. Kent Bryan, CT Consultants and Village Administrator Jerry Kirker spoke to them on these concerns, and passed out a handout on the problems concerning the sewer system outside of the Village.

Motion by Jason Francis to approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting on 1-7-2020 with the correction on the fourth paragraph from the end stating that: he was still looking for other possibilities, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Mark Brewer to approve payment of bills submitted, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Randy Brewer to have Mayor Jason Buda, Clerk Tanya Johnson, Treasurer Shelley Gifford, and Village Administrator Jerry Kirker, sign the National Bank of Adams County's signature card to sign Village checks, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Ordinance 2020-2 set permanent appropriations and budget for 2020, motion by Mark Brewer, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, and declaring an emergency, motion by Mark Brewer, second by Randy Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, ordinance passed.

Ordinance 2019-6 increase the outside minimum sewer rates, Mayor Buda requested a motion three times, ordinance dies for lack of motion.

Report from Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator/Fire Chief

1. The Village Administrator and Kent Bryan, CT Consultants, went to Columbus last Wednesday, 1-22-2020, and had a meeting with ODOT on the writing of the grant for the SR 41S sidewalk. This grant must be in by October, 2020. They also met with EPA on the same day.
2. Resolution 2020-6 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the Village of West Union and the Adams County Board of Commissioners for the acquisition of the County owned State Road 125 sanitary sewer system, motion by Mark Brewer, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, resolution passed.
3. Kirker told Council the West Union Volunteer Fire Fighters were getting signs for the fire levy.

Danni Studebaker, WULS, advised Council on the number of runs since the first of the year.

Lisa Rothwell, Solicitor, informed Council she has been working on a few court cases and some drafts.

Mayor Buda asked the Village Administrator to check with the West Union Methodist Church for the handicap signs.

After some discussion, Ordinance 2019-7 Zoning will be tabled until next meeting.

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Motion by John R Lafferty for executive session ORC 121.22 G 1 personnel, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Steve Rothwell to return to regular meeting, second by Randy Brewer, roll call vote: all yea.

Motion by Mark Brewer to have Jason Francis receive his January's Council check in the month of February, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: 4 yea, Jason Francis – abstain, motion passed.

Motion by John R Lafferty to place Benny McCarty into the vacant Council seat, second by Jason Francis, roll call vote: 2 yea, Mark Brewer, Randy Brewer, Steve Rothwell – nay, motion failed.

Motion by Randy Brewer, to place Ted Grooms into the vacant Council seat, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: 3 yea, John R Lafferty, Jason Francis, - nay, motion passed.

Mayor Buda thanked Bob Chaney and Donna Young for their letters of interest and asked both if they would be interested in being on the Zoning Board. They both said they would think about it.

Motion by Randy Brewer to adjourn, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, meeting adjourned.