

## West Union Village Council

April 13, 2021

West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on 4-13-2021, at the Municipal Building, Mayor Jason Buda presiding. Call to order, pledge to the flag, and roll call: John R Lafferty – present, Mark Brewer – present, Jason Francis – present, Donna Young – absent, Randy Brewer – present, Steve Rothwell - present; also in attendance: Tanya Johnson – Clerk, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator/ Fire Chief, Danni Studebaker – WULS. Lisa Rothwell - Solicitor. Visitors: Lt. Ryan Myers, Rhonda McFarland – ACRMC, Ashley McCarty – People’s Defender, Jeff Ross, Marge Anderson, Kent Bryan – CT Consultants.

Rhonda McFarland, ACRMC, spoke to Council on several items: the new facility, COVID tests and vaccine, Blood Drive, Health Fair for the employees, Wellness Program, and drug testing. The Village Administrator will check with the employees on the Health Fair.

Marge Anderson told Council about a few problems she is having with a vacant trailer, vacant house, and a dumpster in her neighborhood. Council informed her, that the Enforcement Officer will be working on her concerns.

Jeff Ross informed Council he is having a problem with his sewer line. The Village Administrator will call him tomorrow (4-14-21) on this matter.

Motion by Randy Brewer to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on 3-23-21 as distributed, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

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

Motion by Randy Brewer to accept the statement of receipts for Mayor’s Court for the month of September for the net amount of \$7798.36, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

The Clerk spoke to the Solicitor on some changes for the Ordinance 2019-7 Zoning. The Solicitor will need to meet with the Enforcement Officer on this matter. Johnson asked if an update was needed on the Ordinance 2016-8 Polices & Procedures Manual, because the Enforcement Officer has been added; the Solicitor will check into this matter.

Motion by Steve Rothwell to have the Community-wide Yard Sale (no permit needed) on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>; and September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, second by Jason Francis, roll call vote, all yea, motion passed.

The Clerk discussed a quote from Bryant’s Locksmith for repair on the front door. The amount for the parts is \$4630.00, plus labor. The Village Administrator will be getting another quote.

### Report from Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator/Fire Chief

1. Resolution 2021-5 authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2021, motion by Randy Brewer, second by Jason Francis, roll call vote: all yea, resolution passed.
2. Adams County Regional Water District will be increasing the water rates by five cents per one thousand gallons. Kirker informed Council that he will be looking to increase the water rates by one percent.
3. The SR 41 Shared Use Path bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. today. The lowest bid was \$365,937.40. The bids are good for 90 days and this project should take four months to complete.
4. The warning siren has been put up by the water tower, and has been tested.
5. Kirker spoke on the Lacy Body Shop’s property. This property needs to be mowed and cleaned up.
6. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is on schedule. The plant should be in operation by the end of May, and fulling operating by mid-June.
7. Discussion of the Brush Creek Fire Contract, the Trustees will be placing a one-half mil levy on November ballot.

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The Clerk asked the Village Administrator if he had received a quote on the Municipal Building roof. His reply was “not yet”.

Kirker told Council the Panhandle Sewer Project might be having good news and the design will be going to EPA in May.

The Treasurer asked Kirker about the Cemetery survey. Kirker said they were working on it.

Motion by Jason Francis to re-assign the employee from the Municipal Building hall to her original duty, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Danni Studebaker, WULS, advised Council on the number of runs so far this year, and since last meeting.

Lisa Rothwell, Solicitor, told Council she had not received an answer from the Attorney General. She has a public request, and seven bench warrants she is working on. The Solicitor discussed the food truck issue; no action was taken by Council.

Council member Mark Brewer asked if the Solicitor had found out if the Village can garnish inmate money; she is still checking into this matter.

Mayor Buda has received a letter from the West Union Lion’s Club about the Christmas decorations. Motion by Steve Rothwell to allow the West Union Lion’s Club to take over the decorations, second by Randy Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed. Kirker will get in contract with them.

Buda discussed the issue of permits for door to door sales, and mowing in the Village.

Motion by Mark Brewer to take Anthem Option 1 for the employee’s health care, second by Randy Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed. Council member Mark Brewer stated that in January of next year the Village will need to get other options for the health care.

Council member Jason Francis informed Council on a few items from the Police & Safety Committee that needs to go to the Finance Committee on April 27<sup>th</sup>. He also spoke on the following: travel guides through ABCAP, stimulus money, food trucks, and T-Mobile to rural communities.

Motion by Steve Rothwell for executive session ORC 121.22 G1 personnel, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Steve Rothwell to return to regular session, second by Randy Brewer, roll call vote: all yea.

The Mayor requested Council member Jason Francis to meet with him and Representative Brian Baldrige for a few issues concerning the West Union Life Squad. Jason Francis will call Baldrige on these matters.

Motion by Steve Rothwell to have the Clerk appeal a Workers’ Comp claim that has been denied, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

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